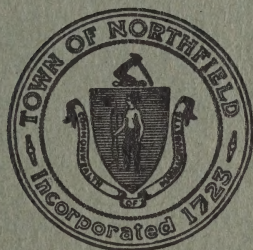


ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE TOWN OFFICERS OF

NORTHFIELD

MASSACHUSETTS



FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st

1943

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Charles F. Slate

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F. Myron Dunnell

Assessors

Fred S. Merrifield

Term expires 1946

Fred I. Bolton

Term expires 1944

Ernest A. Parker

Term expires 1945

Moderator

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Accountant

Fred H. Doolittle

Tax Collector

Charles F. Slate

School Committee

Sidney H. Given, Chairman

Term expires 1946

Irving J. Lawrence

Term expires 1944

Dorothy L. Miller

Term expires 1945

Library Trustees

Mary G. Parker	Term expires 1946
Samuel E. Walker	Term expires 1946
Mercy A. Brann	Term expires 1944
Frank H. Montague	Term expires 1944
C. Ina Merriman	Term expires 1945
Robert B. Jack	Term expires 1945

Cemetery Commissioners

Carlton W. Holton	Term expires 1946
George N. Kidder	Term expires 1944
Charles C. Morgan	Term expires 1945

Tree Warden

Dean Williams

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Murray M. Hammond	Harry M. Haskell
Herman A. Miner	Martin E. Vorce

Forest Fire Warden

Charles L. Johnson

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Charles L. Gilbert	George Barlow
Fred Blanchard	James E. Dresser

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Clarence H. Spaulding	Fred B. Kelly
Stanley Mankowski	Joseph Bilmon

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Fence Viewers

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Edward M. Morgan

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James E. Dresser

Fred I. Bolton

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Charles L. Johnson

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Finance Committee

Charles C. Stearns

Term expires 1946

Ross L. Spencer

Term expires 1946

George McEwan

Term expires 1944

Frank H. Montague

Term expires 1944

Frank W. Williams

Term expires 1945

A. Gordon Moody

Term expires 1945

Report of Treasurer

Balance January 1, 1943	\$ 36,182.39	
Receipts, 1943	141,851.54	
		\$178,033.93
Payments 1943 per warrants	125,382.44	
Cemetery Funds deposited per warrants	450.00	
Cemetery Funds deposited	100.00	
Cash on hand December 31, 1943	1,360.00	
Franklin County Trust Co. 5,0741.49		
	52,101.49	
		178,033.93

Franklin County Trust Company of Greenfield

Balance December 31, 1943 per statement		57,791.77
Outstanding checks Dec. 31, 1943 per list	7,050.28	
Balance December 31, 1943 per check book	50,741.49	57,791.77

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES F. SLATE, Treasurer

Report of Finance Committee

The Finance Committee held three meetings during the past year and authorized transfers from the Reserve Account amounting to \$639.31.

At the January meeting the appropriations for the coming year were considered carefully with the town officers responsible for the preparation of departmental budgets. Our recommendations are printed in the town warrant.

The Committee recommends appropriations from surplus revenue for the current year as follows:

Old Age Assistance	\$8,000
Payment on the Grade School Building debt	4500
Town Hall room alterations	1200
Fuel for school buildings	845

The Committee also recommends an appropriation of \$1900 from the Overlay Reserve Fund for a reserve fund for the current year.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK H. MONTAGUE, Chairman

GEORGE McEWAN

ROSS L. SPENCER

FRANK W. WILLIAMS

A. GORDON MOODY

CHARLES C. STEARNS

The Selectmen's Report

We respectfully submit for your consideration the work of the past year ending December 31, 1943.

You will see by the reports that the Town is in good financial condition.

In these war years the Selectmen have been called on to appoint a good many committees to carry on the work in connection with the emergencies, and we are glad to say that we have had no trouble to find capable, patriotic, unselfish men and women from our own people to take up the work they have been called upon to do.

As a Board we appreciate the help given.

Signed

FRED A. HOLTON

GEORGE W. CARR

F. MYRON DUNNELL

Treasurer's Report of Trust Funds

Edward D. Priest and Others—West Northfield

Cemetery Funds

	Savings		
	Deposits	Securities	Total
On hand January 1, 1943	\$3,170.00	\$4,000.00	\$7,170.00
On hand December 31, 1943	3,170.00	4,000.00	7,170.00
Receipts of Interest			233.71

J. W. Cowles Center Cemetery Fund

	Savings	
	Deposits	Total
On hand January 1, 1943	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
On hand December 31, 1943	2,000.00	2,000.00
Receipts of Interest		40.20

Calvin Stearns Center Cemetery Fund

	Savings	
	Deposits	Total
On hand January 1, 1943	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
On hand December 31, 1943	500.00	500.00
Receipts of Interest		10.05

Belcher Center School Fund

	Savings		
	Deposits	Securities	Total
On hand January 1, 1943	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
On hand December 31, 1943	1,050.00	200.00	1,250.00
Receipts of Interest			20.10

Belcher Center Cemetery Fund

	Savings		
	Deposits	Securities	Total
On hand January 1, 1943	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
On hand December 31, 1943	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
Receipts of Interest			20.10

Lottie Evans Charity Fund

On hand January 1, 1943	\$683.91	
Interest 1943	13.73	
		\$ 697.64

George F. Morgan Charity Fund

	Savings		
	Deposits		Total
On hand January 1, 1943	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00
On hand December 31, 1943	3,000.00		3,000.00
Receipts of Interest			60.30

Surplus Revenue School Fund

	Savings		
	Deposits		Total
On hand January 1, 1943	\$1,600.00		\$1,600.00
On hand December 31, 1943	1,600.00		1,600.00
Receipts of Interest			32.16

Belcher Library Fund

	Savings		
	Deposits	Securities	Total
On hand January 1, 1943	\$9,272.08	\$ 900.00	\$10,172.08
On hand December 31, 1943	9,439.01	300.00	9,739.01
Receipts of Interest			186.31

Charles P. Dickinson Library Book Fund

	Savings		
	Deposits		Total
On hand January 1, 1943	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00
On hand December 31, 1943	3,000.00		3,000.00
Receipts of Interest			60.30

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand January 1, 1943	\$9,764.75	\$9,764.75
On hand December 31, 1943	10,314.75	10,314.75
Receipts of Interest	\$198.11	
Receipts of Bequests	550.00	
	————— 748.11	
Deposited in Savings Banks	\$550.00	
Interest transferred to Town	198.11	
	————— 748.11	

LIST OF CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

Mount Hermon Cemetery

L. L. Drury	\$100.00
Henry F. Cutler	100.00
Horace F. Holton	100.00

South Mountain Cemetery

Alice J. Bigelow	100.00
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Northfield Farms Cemetery

Ada E. Chamberlain and Sarah Morgan	75.00
M. Maria Foss	200.00
Marcellus D. Stratton	100.00
Elisa Groves	51.69
Elvira A. Morgan	50.00
Samuel A. Holton	200.00
Ernest C. Field	100.00
Elisa and Elihu Stratton	200.00
Asabel and Alner Sawyer	100.00
William H. Stratton	100.00
Larkin Fisher—Frank and Lucy Ross	50.00
James and William Merriam	100.00
Henry W. Montague	200.00
Mary A. Stratton	100.00
Inez E. Holton	50.00
George M. Chamberlain	75.00

Charles C. Morgan	100.00
LeRoy Weatherhead	75.00
Oscar and Frank V. Wood	50.00
Rufus Stratton and Oren Darling	150.00
Brigham Gage and David Clows	100.00
Samuel Pratt	25.00
Ritta R. Barrett	100.00

West Northfield Cemetery

George W. Snow	200.00
Henry M. Yerrington	100.00
Treasurers Report of Trust Funds—2	

Center Cemetery

Augustus W. Holton	100.00
Carpenter-Winchester	100.00
Thomas R. Callender	50.00
John E. Nye	100.00
Clinton A. Ware	150.00
George Hastings and Dr. Stratton White	100.00
Hezekiah and Elizabeth Stratton	80.00
Hezekiah and Mollie Stratton	80.00
Rufus and Asenath Stratton	80.00
Sherman Nye Bartlett	100.00
Louis F. Bartlett	100.00
Charles Osgood	300.00
Edward B. Stearns	50.00
B. F. Field and Charles Pomeroy	100.00
William R. Moody	100.00
Mrs. Norman MacGaffin	50.00
Clara B. Torrey	100.00
Herbert E. Robbins	200.00
Samuel E. Walker	200.00
J. P. Greenleaf	300.00
M. Margaret Laird	100.00
William H. Phelps	200.00
Rose A. Holton	100.00
C. D. Merriman and Cornelius Hilliard	300.00
Sarah Jane Whithead	50.00

Elizabeth M. Purple	200.00
Jessamine W. Polhemus	100.00
Andrew and Arthur Lyman	400.00
J. Wesley Mann	100.00
Lewis Fowler	50.00
Bessie Severance	100.00
Adeline W. Moody	100.00
Charles Alexander	200.00
A. M. D. Alexander	300.00
James White	100.00
Katherine Gaeng	100.00
Elijar Belding	125.00
Elijar E. Belding	100.00
Lucy M. Webster	500.00
Augustus L. Day	100.00
Isaac Cook and Wright Stratton	100.00
John L. Mattoon	100.00
Levi Fay	150.00
Sarah E. Minott	150.00
James Pickard	100.00
Mary L. Wright	125.00
Johnson Fund	123.06
Alvin Long	50.00
M. Bemis and Otis Field	50.00
Charles Blackmer	50.00
George R. Stebbins	50.00
Charles Stebbins	100.00
Walter D. Crane	100.00
Harvey J. Evans	50.00

TAX TITLES

On hand January 1, 1943	\$ 49.71	
Tax Titles Taken	528.20	
Interest and costs on Tax Titles	72.38	
Tax Titles Added	563.35	
Sale in Excess of Title Value	25.44	
		\$1,239.08

Tax Titles Foreclosed	52.00	
Amount of Tax Titles on hand December 31, 1943	1,187.08	
		\$1,239.08

Interstate Mortgage No. 16332 of \$1,000.00 belonging to the Belcher Center School Fund was sold in August for \$250.00 which was invested as follows: United States Savings Bonds, \$200.00; deposited in Franklin Savings Institution, \$50.00.

Interstate Mortgage No. 15055 of \$900 belonging to the Belcher Library Fund was sold for \$466.93 which was invested as follows: United States Savings bonds, \$300.00; deposited in Franklin Savings Institution, \$166.93.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. SLATE, Treasurer

Report of Tax Collector

Taxes 1940

Outstanding January 1, 1943		\$156.45
Payments to Treasurer	\$134.35	
Abatements	22.10	
		156.45

Taxes 1941

Outstanding January 1, 1943	7,456.58	
Unlocated difference	.09	
		7,456.67
Payments to Treasurer	6,924.67	
Abatements	24.70	
Tax Titles taken	507.30	
		7,456.67

Taxes 1942

Outstanding January 1, 1943		17,416.09
Payments to Treasurer	10,952.72	
Abatements	26.23	
Tax Titles taken	20.90	
Added to Tax Title	70.49	
Outstanding December 31, 1943	6,345.75	
		17,416.09

Taxes 1943

Commitments per warrants	68,962.49	
Additional commitments	28.60	
Abatement after payment refunded	19.80	
		69,010.89

Payments to Treasurer	55,203.28	
Abatements	1,139.88	
Added to Tax Titles	490.68	
Outstanding December 31, 1943	12,174.05	
Cash on hand	3.00	
		69,010.89

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes 1942

Outstanding January 1, 1943	44.88	
Additional commitments per warrants	26.00	
		70.88
Payments to Treasurer	68.88	
1942 reported as 1943	2.00	
		70.88

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes 1943

Commitments per warrants	3,596.19	
1942 reported as 1943	2.00	
Abatement after payment refunded	5.99	
		3,604.18
Payments to Treasurer	3,459.44	
Abatements	55.84	
Outstanding December 31, 1943	88.90	
		3,604.18

Interest and Costs on Taxes

Collections of 1943		
Levy of 1940	15.64	
Levy of 1941	467.25	
Levy of 1942	268.25	
Levy of 1943	20.50	
		771.64

Motor Vehicle Excise Interest		
Levy of 1942	.91	
Levy of 1943	2.06	
		2.97

Costs of Taxes

Levy of 1940	.70	
Levy of 1941	21.83	
Levy of 1942	15.75	
Levy of 1943	1.75	
		40.03

Costs of Motor Vehicle Excise

Levy of 1942	2.45	
Levy of 1943	7.15	9.60
		824.24

Payments to Treasurer 1943

Interest	774.61	
Costs	49.63	
	824.24	824.24

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. SLATE, Collector of Taxes

Report of the School Committee

ORGANIZATION FOR YEAR 1943

Sidney H. Given, Chairman	Term expires 1946
Dorothy L. Miller, Secretary	Term expires 1945
Irving J. Lawrence	Term expires 1944

Superintendent of Schools

Robert N. Taylor, B. Ch. E.; M. Ed.

School Secretary

Genevieve H. Wozniak

School Physician

F. Wilton Dean, M. D.

School Nurse

Mrs. Dean W. Williams, R. N.

School Calendar, 1944-1945

Schools Open January 3, 1944	Close February 18, 1944
Schools Open February 28, 1944	Close April 14, 1944
Schools Open April 24, 1944	Close June 16, 1944
Schools Open September 6, 1944	Close December 21, 1944
Schools Open January 2, 1945	Close February 16, 1945
Schools Open February 26, 1945	Close April 13, 1945
Schools Open April 23, 1945	Close June 15, 1945

Elementary Schools Close One Week Earlier In December and June.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE School Superintendent

To the School Committee and Citizens of Northfield:

I am pleased to present herewith my third report as your Superintendent of Schools. This report covers the 207th year of public education in the Town of Northfield.

On the Road to Victory

When schools opened in September there was a new spirit of confidence as our teachers met their pupils. During the summer much had occurred on the war fronts to create the feeling that perhaps we were, at last, on the road to victory. There has not been any let down on the part of the schools to bring about this victory, instead even greater effort is now being exerted to hasten the day on which families may reunite knowing that peace has come to our land.

The Center School Exhibit and the special exercises held during American Educational Week were well attended. The Christmas program, given in the town hall, since our lunch room is not suited for this type of assembly, was attended by over 125 parents. Our pupils and teachers derive considerable satisfaction from having many parents show an interest in the progress of our schools. If you have not yet visited the new school may I urge you to do so. I am sure you will be agreeably surprised.

Rationing registrations were carried out by the teachers February 23-27 for War Book II and on October 25-27 for War Book IV. Schools were closed two days and activities curtailed on five others. Our pupils have bettered their splendid record of last year in their purchases of stamps and bonds. Our total purchases for the year 1943 amounted to \$10,409.40. Pupil response to the salvage campaign has been excellent.

The war is having a noticeable effect on our high school enrollment which has dropped to 72 this year, which is eleven less than in 1942. This decrease is almost entirely boys. The Center School enrollment is 287, one more than last year. The grade distribution is better so that no room is now greatly overcrowded.

Teacher Changes

The number of resignations in our teaching staff was less than a year ago. This was indeed fortunate because there were very few applicants for the four positions we had open. The new teachers are well trained and capable of maintaining the high standard we want for our schools.

Resignations in June were:

Miss Florence Looney, High School Commercial teacher, to live at home.

Miss Beatrice Coleman, High School Language teacher, to live at home.

Miss Helen I. Wozniak, Grade V, to accept a similar position in Bourne, Massachusetts.

Miss Elinor Allen, Grade I, to be married.

New appointments were:

Miss Adeline L. O'Neil, a graduate of Trinity College, Washington, D. C. to the High School language position.

Miss Gladys A. Midura, a graduate of American International College, to the High School commercial position.

Miss Priscilla Hayward, a graduate of Bridgewater State Teachers' College, to Grade V.

Mrs. Ruth Bolton, a former teacher in our system, returned to teach Grade I.

School Transportation

On March 1, 1943 it became mandatory that all bus contractors submit a detailed report of routes and mileage to the School Department for approval. The Office of Defense Transportation of the Federal Government placed upon the School

Committee the responsibility of adjusting all school transportation to meet requirements as set down by that bureau.

In the detailed directions were the rules that pupils are to walk two miles to the nearest school building and one and one half miles to the nearest bus route. To conform with these instructions the following changes were made April 1.

East Northfield route discontinued.

Warwick Avenue route discontinued.

Beers Plain Road route discontinued.

Hell's Kitchen side trip discontinued.

Northfield Farms High School route to remain on Route 63 and not pass through the meadow.

An appeal was presented to the Department of Education on the grounds that a local ordinance was in operation carrying pupils less than two miles from school. We were notified that all transportation for the duration was under the direction of the Office of Defense Transportation.

Test Results

All pupils in our school were given standard tests in May 1943. As stated in the 1942 report this is a very important part of our program. The expenditure of time and money necessary to do this more than repays this investment by the information that teachers and administrators get concerning our educational progress as a school system, and the child's progress as a pupil.

The American Achievement test was given to all first grade pupils and the Metropolitan Battery to all pupils from grades 2-8. In the High School, single subject achievement tests were given in English, Algebra, Spanish, and Biology. The results of these tests follow.

Summary of Test Results

	Std. Median	Northfield Median
Grade I American Achiev. Test	1.8	1.5
Grade II Met. Achiev. Test	2.8	2.5
Grade III Met. Achiev. Test	3.8	3.6
Grade IV Met. Achiev. Test	4.8	5.2
Grade V Met. Achiev. Test	5.8	5.8
Grade VI Met. Achiev. Test	6.8	6.8
Grade VII Met. Achiev. Test	7.8	8.1
Grade VIII Met. Achiev. Test	8.8	8.8

The above summary indicates that all grades above the third are on or above the National Standards. Grade 3 is two months below and grades 1 and 2 are three months below.

The epidemic of children's diseases last winter and spring was most severe in the three lower grades. Many pupils were absent four to eight weeks and this no doubt accounts for the large number of pupils in these grades who did not make standard scores.

	Std. Med.	Total	His.	Read.	Geo.	Arith.	Spel.	Lit.	English
Gr. 6	6.8	6.8	6.5	6.8	6.2	7.1	6.0	6.9	7.2
Gr. 7	7.9	8.1	7.9	8.3	8.0	7.9	7.6	9.3	8.5
Gr. 8	8.8	8.8	8.9	9.1	8.4	8.3	8.5	9.2	9.0

The analysis of the test results in Grades 6, 7, and 8 is most interesting. In most subjects our schools are doing good work. The writer felt two years ago that the Geography and Spelling were not what they should be and consequently the teachers were asked to examine and make recommendations for a new spelling system. The book adopted has been in use two years in grades 2 and 3 and one year in grades 4 and 5. The series is to be completed this year through grades 6, 7, and 8 and it is hoped a general improvement in spelling will be the result.

Since Geography is not formally taught in the 6 and 8th grades the below standard result is not surprising. The teachers will be asked to consider the problem of introducing formal geography instruction in grades 6, 8, if time can be found without adversely affecting other subjects.

High School Tests

	Standard Median	Northfield Median
American Council Alpha Spanish Test		
Grades 10, 11, 12		
Grammar	13.1	15
Vocabulary	28.2	29
Silent Reading	8.6	12
Composition	3.7	4
Algebra, Col. Res. Bureau, Grade 9	16.0	17
Physics, Col. Res. Bureau, Grades 11, 12	46.0	64
Biology	40.0	37

The class in Physics did remarkably well. The other subjects, except English and Biology, are all above the National Standard. There were only five pupils in Biology, too few to make comparison with the National Standard.

The English Tests gave evidence that more grammar and composition is needed at the Secondary School level, consequently emphasis is now being placed on this important part in English training. Changing teachers in this department each year for the past four years has prevented the development of a unified and complete program.

Remedial Work

In all schools there are pupils who fall behind the class levels in which they are placed. This may be because of any one of a number of reasons. Absence is the greatest offender

but often the inability of a pupil to grasp a subject in his earlier years continues to hamper him in later grades. Both our Principals recognize the need for special attention to this detail and have organized special remedial instruction.

In the High School this is done by certain teachers during the study hall periods. In the Center School remedial reading classes at three different levels have been organized.

Pupils may be placed in or taken out of these classes at any time when the needs of the individual are best served.

Nutrition Training

The school lunchroom, now in its third year, has become an effective part of our educational program. The results have been so outstanding from a nutritional, educational and a health point of view that we hope it has become a permanent feature of Northfield's educational system.

The lunchroom is the place where the pupil learns to eat, not what he likes best, but what is most nutritious for him. Young children like to do what the group as a whole is doing which means that many pupils are now eating what they find served, without question. Such a program is more practical than the classroom discussion on "What one should eat", since it substitutes practice for theory.

The penny milk and the Agricultural Marketing Administration projects have been replaced by a new service, the Federal Distributions Agency, in which the school is reimbursed 6c for each child ordering the full meal and 2c for each child buying milk alone. It is thus possible to serve a balanced light luncheon at a cost within the reach of all. Miss Totman's report shows that approximately 30% more meals were served in 1943 than in 1942. Three hundred pupils use the lunch room and are seated in two sections. The generous contributions of food and money by individuals and groups has been most helpful. No town funds were expended in 1943 in the lunchroom other than for light and heat.

New Legislation

The General Court of Massachusetts enacted during 1943 an educational law of immediate interest to our citizens. Sec-

tion 40 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws was amended so that the minimum salary paid to teachers in towns of less than two million five hundred thousand dollars valuation is now \$1,000.00 per year.

This change made it imperative that the School Committee reconsider the whole question of salaries in order that those of experienced teachers be in line with what we must now pay beginners.

Salary Schedule

A careful study of salaries paid to teachers in towns comparable to Northfield was made and the following schedule adopted on December 27, 1943 to become effective with the opening of schools in September 1944.

Elementary Teachers, Grades 1-8

Minimum	\$1,000
Increment	\$50.-100 per year
Maximum	\$1,200

Merit maximum for Master Degree or equivalent
special study \$1,300

Assistant Principal to receive an additional \$50
for extra duties as follows:

Treasurer of School Lunch Room
Full responsibility during absence of
Principal

High School Teachers

Minimum	\$1,100
Increment	\$50.-100 per year
Maximum	\$1,600

Merit maximum for Master Degree or its equivalent in special study \$1,700

Principals, Supervisors and Janitors

The salaries and increments of these persons will be at the discretion of the School Committee.

Conversion to Coal

In December 1942 we were ordered by the WPB and PAW to convert our Center School burner from oil to coal. The architect of the building was consulted concerning the feasibility of doing this. He was opposed to the plan for three reasons, the incapacity of the boiler for hand firing with coal, the inadequacy of the chimney to carry combustion gases, and the lack of storage space within the building for coal. Accordingly a protest was filed with the Washington Office of the WPB. The PAW then entered the dispute with an order to the local rationing board that no more coupons for oil were to be issued to the school department. On February 17 a second order to convert was received and on March 17 a third order. The WPB was invited to send an engineer to inspect the plant. Mr. E. S. Friend, Consulting Engineer of the WPB came, inspected and ordered conversion to be made at once regardless of the cost. The fact that coal had been ordered for two months and was still undelivered, had no bearing on Mr. Friend's decision. A stoker was purchased and a small outside bin built holding 20 tons of coal. The total cost of this conversion was \$1,804.00.

Repairs and Improvements

A great deal has been done during the past year to improve the utility and appearance of our grounds and buildings.

Some of the major accomplishments are:

Completion of roadway about the buildings.

Erection of swings transferred from other school playgrounds.

Erection of basketball standard taken from Pine Street School yard.

Grading of approximately half of playground area south of the Center School.

Peastone surface on playground to eliminate carrying in of sand on shoes on wet days.

New entry frames and doors at rear of High School.

New concrete walk at front of Center School and transferring of wooden walk to path between the buildings.
Sanding and refinishing of desk tops in south-east room of High School.

New door at south entrance to Center School to replace one broken by wind.

Items from High School Principal's Report

Mr. Currier's report included a number of points that I would like to call to your attention:

"There is too much absence in the High School. A recent educational survey shows that frequent absence is the greatest cause of failure in Secondary Schools. If a pupil is to do his best work he should be absent only for illness."

"The discipline in the school is good and as much freedom is allowed as seems consistent with the well being of the majority. Each teacher rates each pupil every six weeks in citizenship. Only 16 unsatisfactory citizenship marks have been given out from September to December out of a total of 860. The pupils as a whole are cooperative."

"The number of pupils in the various classes follows:

Algebra I	16	Home Economics	15
Aviation	6	English I	20
Adv. Algebra	4	English II	23
Business Training	16	English III	13
Biology	15	English IV	15
Bookkeeping	7	Latin I	3
Business Arith.	13	Latin II	5
Chemistry	10	Commercial Law	6
Girls Glee Club	20	Problems of Democracy	9
Boys Glee Club	6	Spanish I	11
General Science	7	Spanish II	5
Geometry	11	Typewriting I	7
U. S. History	15	Typewriting II	6
World History	4	Shorthand I	7
Economics	13	Shorthand II	3
Ancient History	9		

31 courses with a total enrollment of 320 pupils."

"Three days a week, in order to have the Music, Physical Educational and Club periods, we have to have 37 minute class periods and out of this must be taken the passing time leaving a net of 35 minutes per class. This is too short a time to develop an assignment, review and cover the daily work. For your consideration I would like to suggest a short lengthening of the school day and thus the pupils will not have as long to wait for the buses."

"There were 23 drop outs in 1941-2 and 23 in 1942-3. Many of these were to enlist in the armed service or to do war work. Pupils should stay in school as long as possible and secure their diplomas because they will need them in the competition for jobs in the future."

The above points are worthy of careful reading. I believe it is right that our high school give a prominent place to dramatics, public speaking, and oral reports. Emphasis on ability to speak and think before an audience was never more important than it is today. If we are to become a vital force in the post war world it will be through the ability to make our thoughts and ideas clear to others.

- Work Permits

All persons between 14 and 21 years of age are required by law to have either an educational or employment certificate. These are issued by the Superintendent of Schools and should be obtained at the school office between 8:30 A. M. and 5:00 P. M. They may also be obtained at his home by appointment. The person needing the certificate must personally apply for it and present evidence of age by birth certificate or other legal document.

		Permits Issued	
		1942	1943
Age	14-16		
	Boys	4	15
	Girls	4	13
Age	16-21		
	Boys	21	24
	Girls	20	57
TOTALS		49	109

School Physician

Dr. F. Wilton Dean was appointed school physician in July. His duties are to examine pupils, teachers, janitors, and buildings. He may diagnose but is not required to treat **illness and injuries**. The responsibility for medical treatment rests with the parent who may call his own physician.

Needs

The needs of 1942 have largely been met when it was possible to get the materials. The fence on the South end of the school property mentioned in the 1941 report is still an urgent need. It is hoped the town will build the same across the south end of the school and park property as soon as materials are available. We plan to continue renovation of desks and floors at the High School when funds permit. As soon as restrictions are removed the new roadway should be oiled as our buildings have no gutters and the water will wash out the roadway in a very short time.

"No School" Signal

If it becomes necessary to close schools for the day, station WHAI of Greenfield will make the announcement between 7:30 and 8:00 A. M.

It is not always possible to judge conditions on the back roads at this early hour and parents are urged to use their own judgment in deciding whether pupils should walk to school. The law requires that the high school be in session 180 days per year so that schools are only closed when conditions are unusually severe.

Financial Report

The school department has an unexpended balance in 1943 amounting to \$1,505.66. This was due principally to curtailment in three items. The dropping of three bus routes, our inability to purchase coal in advance beyond a limited supply, and an unpredicted drop in vocational school enrollment from January-June 1943. Increases in prices in some items balanced by curtailment in other purchases made it possible to keep within our estimates made last December.

The new legislation, reported elsewhere, automatically increases the amount needed for Teachers' Salaries about \$1,-500. We find that the demand in 1944 for other items is less than this past year so that the net increase needed for schools is about \$500.

Enrollment by Grades, October 1, 1943

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Tot.
Boys	28	17	17	13	20	18	20	15	7	9	4	6	174
Girls	12	21	20	22	20	13	11	20	14	13	9	8	183
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Totals	40	38	37	35	40	31	31	35	21	22	13	14	357

Censs Report

The annual census of children in town between the ages of 5 and 16 was taken as of October 1, 1943, as required by law.

	Boys	Girls	Total
Between ages 5-7	37	29	66
Between 7-16	148	140	288
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Total	185	169	354

SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

High School

Name	Subject or Grade	Where Educated
Roland E. Currier	Principal Mathematics Social Studies	Bates College, B.S. University of Maine, M.S. in Education *Columbia
Evelyn G. Lawley	Assistant Principal Mathematics Pre-Flight	Smith College, A.M. *Massachusetts State College *Boston University
Julia B. Austin	Latin, History Economics	Middlebury, A.B. *Massachusetts State College
Adeline L. O'Neil	English, Spanish	Trinity College, A.B.
Helen Jenkins Gilmore	Household Arts Biology, English	East Carolina Teachers' College, A.B.
Gladys A. Midura	Commercial	American International College, B.S. in Education

Center School

George M. Leonard	Principal	Bridgewater State Teachers' College, B.S.
	Science	*Boston University
	Mathematics	
Dorothy O. Totman	Assistant Principal	Fitchburg Normal
	Grade 4	*University Extension
Elizabeth Mae Alexander	Grade 2	Fitchburg State Teachers' College, B.S.
Ruth W. Bolton	Grade 1	Fitchburg Normal
Elizabeth G. Braley	English, Gr. 6, 7, 8	Northfield Seminary
		*North Adams Normal
		*Castleton Normal
		*Hyannis Normal
		*Fitchburg Normal
		*University Extension
Mary E. Dalton	Grade 3	*Massachusetts State College
		*Hyannis Normal
		*University Extension
		*Northfield Seminary

Priscilla Hayward	Grade 5	Bridgewater State Teachers' College, B.S.
Esther M. Leonard	Social Studies Music	North Adams Normal *Keene Normal **Hyannis State Teachers College
Marion W. Goodspeed	Music Supervisor	N. E. Conservatory

* Attended without graduating.

School Custodians

Donald B. Finch	Wentworth Institute	Appointed 1935
Frank P. Britton	Center School Assistant	

In Conclusion

The writer recognizes the tremendous responsibility that is to fall on the public schools of America during the post-war period. The fundamental training of the youth of the Nation to meet the demands of the rapidly changing course of civilization must of necessity be done in our schools. The writer expresses his sincere appreciation to the Principals, teachers and other employees of the school department for their diligent and faithful application to their various tasks. These persons are worthy of the gratitude and appreciation of the School Committee and public for their part in making our schools good schools.

Your School Committee is earnest and sincere in its work and I have enjoyed working with them. The death of Dr. Allen H. Wright removed from the school staff a faithful consultant who for fifteen years gave of his time freely in order that we might have healthy boys and girls. His counsel will be missed.

To those organizations that have given funds so that we have been able to serve 829 free school lunches and to the Health Council which has continued to supply funds for needed dental work, we are grateful. Your continued support of these projects is evidence of your confidence in your schools and in the youth of your town.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT N. TAYLOR.

Superintendent of Schools.

SCHOOL'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Expenditures

Administrative:

Supt. Robert N. Taylor, Salary	\$ 1,132.50	
Expenses	51.78	
Clerk, Genevieve H. Wozniak,		
Salary	294.00	\$ 1,478.28

Medical:

A. H. Wright, M. D.	\$ 75.00	
F. Wilton Dean, M. D.	75.00	
Euphrasia A. Purrington, R. N.	175.00	
Mrs. Dean Williams, R. N.	75.00	\$ 400.00

Janitors' Salaries:

Donald B. Finch	\$ 1,252.50	
Frank Britton	802.55	
Frank Anderson	235.65	
John Callaghan	28.00	
Donald Lilly	7.20	
Warren Hutchinson	23.90	
Calvin Kenney	2.40	
Delvy Field	2.40	
John D. Powell	12.00	
Richard Huber	45.00	\$ 2,411.60

Teachers' Salaries:

Roland E. Currier	\$ 2,240.00
Evelyn G. Lawley	1,560.00
Julia B. Austin	1,470.00
Beatrice Coleman	650.00
Adeline L. O'Neil	480.00
Florence R. Looney	647.78
Gladys A. Midura	520.00
Helen Jenkins Gilmore	1,010.28
George M. Leonard	1,397.35
Dorothy O. Totman	1,040.00

Esther M. Leonard	1,020.00	
Elizabeth G. Braley	1,020.00	
Helen I. Wozniak	570.00	
Priscilla Hayward	400.00	
Mary E. Dalton	1,020.00	
Elizabeth Mae Alexander	910.00	
Elinor Allen Dee	506.75	
Ruth W. Bolton	420.00	
Marion W. Goodspeed	414.00	
W. L. Rinehart	350.00	
Mrs. Elizabeth Mayberry	185.00	
Mrs. George Sheldon	128.00	
Mrs. Willis Parker	5.00	
Mrs. Paul Shores	21.00	\$17,985.16

Transportation:

Helen L. Black	\$ 800.00	
James B. Dresser	800.00	
Jennie B. Warnock	216.00	
The Northfield	5,312.50	\$ 7,128.50

Supplies: Students

Edward E. Babb	\$ 148.10
Beaudette and Co.	26.16
Boston Music Co.	1.35
Cascade Paper Co.	24.80
Cambosco Scientific Co.	55.64
Civic Education Service	6.00
Clarke Hardware Co.	109.75
Gledhill Bros.	15.39
C. A. Gregory Co.	12.07
J. L. Hammett Co.	68.52
Richard G. Holton	14.00
Johnson & Johnson	8.00
George M. Leonard	1.50
Mittga and Volger	14.00
McKesson & Robbins, Inc.	6.99
Oval and Koster	13.17

Papercrafters, Inc.	33.44	
Piper Aircraft Corp.	1.00	
Public School Publishing Co.	0.24	
Pro Merito Society	20.20	
Remington Rand Inc.	19.60	
Row, Peterson and Co.	15.45	
C. E. Ward Co.	7.20	
W. M. Welch Mfg. Co.	13.83	
John Wilson and Co.	1.14	
World Book Company	20.19	\$ 657.73

Supplies: Janitors'

Avery's Store	5.55	
Barber's I. G. A. Store	1.75	
Cascade Paper Co.	162.20	
K. M. Crawford Co.	82.18	
Du-Ev Products Co., Inc.	131.36	
Eastern Textiles Co.	4.03	
Alfred E. Holton	13.50	
Frank D. Huber	20.00	
F. A. Irish	3.23	
Johnson Service Co.	1.43	
W. D. Miller	4.88	
Morgan's Garage	15.94	
Sanascent Company	11.08	
State Prisons Colony	32.53	
Springfield Plumbing Co.	3.38	\$ 493.04

Supplies: Domestic Science

Eastern Textile Co.	\$ 15.49	
F. A. Irish	1.16	
Landers, Frary, and Clark	0.92	
McCormick-Mathers Pub. Co.	14.16	
John Wilson and Co.	1.69	\$ 33.42

Tuition: Vocational

Greenfield, Town of	\$ 526.20
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Textbooks:

Allyn and Bacon	\$ 8.75
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American Book Co.	7.00	
Edward E. Babb Co.	17.08	
Secretary of Commonwealth	0.75	
Follett Book Co.	4.74	
Frontier Press	4.96	
D. Appleton-Century Co.	3.32	
Ginn and Co.	130.54	
Gregg Publishing Co.	2.30	
Harvard Trust Co.	0.50	
Harcourt, Brace and Co.	6.73	
Henry Holt and Co.	1.94	
Houghton and Mifflin	4.45	
D. C. Heath	31.65	
J. B. Lippincott Co.	0.67	
Macmillan Company	29.52	
Noble and Noble	1.84	
J. A. Parks Co.	0.71	
Prentice-Hall	1.20	
Row, Peterson & Co.	10.63	
The Roland Press Co.	2.72	
Silver Burdett and Co.	65.85	
South-Western Publishing Co.	6.59	
Scott Foresman Co.	20.93	
Charles Scribners Sons	20.28	
O. H. Toothaker	7.11	
United Publishing Co.	14.27	
Webster Publishing Co.	9.23	
World Almanac	1.70	\$ 417.96

Water and Current:

Western Mass. Electric Co.	\$ 740.15	
Northfield Water Company	110.34	\$ 850.49

Fuel:

G. O. Dunnell	\$ 1,049.53
Franklin Fuel Co.	31.00
Ralph Leach	8.50

W. D. Miller	12.00	
Socony-Vacuum Oil Co.	853.95	\$ 1,954.98

Repairs:

Frank W. Anderson	\$ 57.20	
Edward E. Babb	16.47	
Evans Bros.	5.27	
Commissioner of Public Safety	15.00	
G. O. Dunnell	16.80	
Holden Martin Lumber Co.	55.30	
George N. Kidder	1.26	
Leavis and Bolton	209.50	
W. D. Miller	16.04	
S. Allen's Son	0.75	
Peter St. Cyr	45.00	\$ 486.59

New Equipment:

Massachusetts Reformatory	\$ 258.87	
J. L. Hammett Co.	5.93	
The Quarrie Corporation	83.65	
Northfield Seminary	13.51	\$ 361.96

Sundry Educational Expense:

Avery's Store	\$ 0.65	
Frank W. Anderson	49.99	
Division of the Blind	14.00	
Roland E. Currier	7.29	
H. T. Janes	3.33	
Mrs. H. A. Johnson	3.00	
National Educational Association	1.56	
New England Tel. and Tel. Co.	125.33	
Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel	45.95	
Greenfield, Town of	6.50	
Lawrence D. Quinlan, Postmaster	18.34	
Helen M. Stearns	15.00	
Spencer Bros.	3.50	
Robert N. Taylor	11.09	

Mrs. Dean Williams	2.15	
Mead and Wheeler	0.75	\$ 308.43
Total Expenditures		\$35,494.34
1943 Appropriation	\$37,000.00	
1943 Expenditures	35,494.34	
Unexpended Balance	\$ 1,505.66	
Special Appropriation for Conversion		
Appropriated	\$2,000.00	
Payments		
George V. Corsiglia		\$1,466.33
Max W. Huber		14.00
Leavis and Bolton		360.00
		\$1,840.33
Unexpended		159.67
		\$2,000.00

Special Appropriation for Roadway		
Appropriated	\$400.00	
Payments		
Northfield, Town of		
Road Department		\$398.20
Unexpended		1.80
		\$400.00

ITEMIZED SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

Appropriated			Recom'd
	1943	Expended	1944
Superintendent	\$ 1,132.50	\$ 1,132.50	\$ 1,220.00
Administrative Expense	55.50	51.78	40.00
Clerk	252.00	294.00	336.00
Teachers' Salaries	17,510.00	17,635.16	19,005.00
Textbooks	350.00	417.96	400.00

Supplies:			
Student	500.00	657.73	550.00
Domestic Science	100.00	33.42	75.00
Janitors'	350.00	493.04	300.00
Salaries: Janitors'	2,100.00	2,411.60	2,316.00
Fuel	2,800.00	1,954.98	2,880.00
Water and Current	700.00	850.49	800.00
Transportation	8,400.00	7,128.50	7,000.00
Repairs	500.00	486.59	400.00
New Equipment	400.00	361.96	150.00
Medical: Physician	150.00	150.00	150.00
Nurse	250.00	250.00	250.00
Sundry Ed. Expense	400.00	308.43	400.00
Penmanship	350.00	350.00	350.00
Tuition: Vocational	700.00	526.20	870.00
Totals	\$ 3,700.00	\$35,494.34	\$37,492.00

Net Cost of Schools 1943

Expended by the School Department, 1943 \$35,494.34

State of Massachusetts reimbursements which
are paid to the town after the Superintendent
of Schools has filed a report showing
that the town school fund has been ex-
pended.

School Fund, Part I,
November 20, 1943 \$3,548.54

School Fund, Part II,
March 30, 1943 5,953.05

Vocational Tuition 244.19

State Wards; Tuition and
Transportation 462.44

Superintendent's salary
and travel 676.67

\$10,884.89

Other receipts: Tuition and Transportation from:

Town of Vernon,

Vermont \$340.00

L. A. Harris 38.60

Lee D. Hall	28.00		
American Youth Hostel	67.50	\$474.10	
		5.95	
Supplies and Telephone			\$480.05
Total Receipts			\$11,364.94
Net Cost of Schools			\$24,129.40

Financial Report, Center School Lunch Room
January-December 1943

DOROTHY O. TOTMAN, Treasurer

Balance		\$	3.41	
Receipts:				
Lunches			2,170.55	
Government Reimbursement			721.32	
Interest			.51	
				\$2,895.79
Expenses:				
Workers		\$	590.10	
Equipment			32.31	
Groceries			2,169.97	
Express and Cold Storage			35.92	
				\$2,828.30
Balance January 1, 1944		\$	67.49	

Meals Purchased:

20983	Main Dishes
35287	Bottles of Milk
20127	Desserts

Lunches paid for by donations:

829	Main Dishes
427	Milk
676	Desserts

Lunches given to school pupils and workers
2100 complete

Report of School Physician

For 1943

To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee:

Herewith I submit the report of the school physician for the year 1943. As Dr. Wright was school physician until school closed in June, my report will be chiefly on activities since school began in September. With the death of Dr. Wright in June, and the departure of Miss Purrington for Binghamton, N. Y., in September, we really started the school year with an entirely new medical personnel, Mrs. Dean Williams assuming the duties of school nurse.

In October each pupil in both the Center and High Schools was given the usual annual physical examination, particular attention being given to the feet this year in accordance with the new state law. The following defects were found:

Poor posture	20
Scalp disease	3
Skin disease	12
Defective sight	20
Flat feet	15
Poor nutrition	7
Heart trouble	1
Infected tonsils	3
Defective teeth	26
Defective hearing	61
Deviation of spine	2

The health of the pupils has been quite good this year, the chief setback being an epidemic of measles last January. As school closed at Christmas, an epidemic of mild "flu" was

breaking over the town. I hope this will not cause too much trouble. I wish to urge parents to keep home any child that seems ill at all. Too many parents have sent sick children to school forcing the nurse to take them back home. During this war-time emergency the nurse can no longer do this, so if there is any question about your child being sick, keep the child at home. I would also like to urge the parents to notify Mr. Fred Holton, chairman of the Board of Health, or myself if there is any suspicion of contagious disease in the family. We must all help prevent any epidemics from getting started.

A diphtheria immunization clinic was held in the late spring and over thirty school and pre-school children were immunized. A vaccination clinic was also held during the summer.

I wish to thank the Superintendent, School Committee, teachers, and the School Nurse for their help and cooperation since I became school physician. I would also like to pay a tribute to Miss Purrington for the fine way she left her records and charts.

Respectfully submitted,

F. WILTON DEAN, M. D.

School Physician

Report of School Nurse

To the Superintendent of Schools and the
School Committee of the Town of Northfield:

I herewith submit the annual report of the school nursing service from January 1, 1943 to January 1, 1944.

Number of individual inspections	1,595
Number of pupils excluded	155
Number of pupils readmitted	150
Number of consultations with teachers	48
Number of consultations with parents in school	11
Number of pupils tested with audiometer	240
Number of pupils examined by School Physician	349
Number of homes visited	171
Number of children attended dental clinic	54
Number of children sent to Greenfield Lip Reading Class	1
Number of children examined in Pre-School Clinic	30
Number of children taken home from school	53

It is my sincere wish that all parents will cooperate in not sending their children to school when they are ill. It is especially important that you keep them at home when they have a cold as it might be the beginning of a serious epidemic.

The School Superintendent and the School Committee on November 20, 1943 officially approved the action of placing the responsibility on the parents for keeping their children home when they are ill and of taking them home when excluded from school because of illness.

I wish to thank the Superintendent of Schools, the School Committee, the School Physician, and all others who have helped make my work more pleasant.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. DEAN W. WILLIAMS, R. N.

Report of Cemetery Commissioners

The Cemetery Commissioners of Northfield can report that the several cemeteries have been cared for during the past year. At Center Cemetery we were obliged to stop work on August 10, as we did not have money to do more work.

The fence at Mount Hermon Cemetery should be repaired and painted. The West Northfield Cemetery front fence should be built new.

Bills approved for Labor and Material amount to \$1,037.03.

We received interest for Spofford lot	\$4.06
Paid for labor and material	4.06
We received from the sale of lots:	
Lula Carey, lot No. 348	\$25.00
Harriette Bruce, No. A 13½	20.00
Margaret Ross Estate, No. 43½	25.00
Mrs. Arthur E. Eddy, No. A 19	20.00
Winfred Snow, No. 227½	25.00
Fred Fox, on old account	25.00
Total	\$140.00
Paid to Town of Northfield	\$140.00

CARLTON W. HOLTON

CHARLES C. MORGAN

GEORGE N. KIDDER

Cemetery Commissioners

Report of the Trustees

OF THE DICKINSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library respectfully submit the following report.

It has been the aim of the Trustees, the Librarians and the Janitor that the Library should be a help and a source of pleasure to the townspeople, Summer-residents and visitors.

We gratefully acknowledge the interest and co-operation of all who by their gifts, or other means have helped this worthy cause.

As far as the funds have allowed new books have been added to the Library and a growing circulation affords evidence of appreciation.

During the year the personnel has changed.

Mrs. Marjory Norton resigned to accept a position elsewhere.

The Library owes much to Mrs. Norton for her wise administration and especially for her work on the catalogue.

Miss Jean Giebel was appointed Librarian and began her work June 15th.

Miss Julia Austin found it necessary to resign from the Board of Trustees and her resignation was accepted with regret. The Board wishes to put on record its appreciation of Miss Austin's years of faithful service.

Miss Mercy A. Brann has consented to fill the vacancy.

On account of scarcity of fuel, by order of the Ration Board, the Library was open only one day a week during the Winter. That day was always a very busy day.

Prof. C. Wolfe, Ph.D., of Boston University, while in Northfield this Summer classified and labeled some of our geological exhibits.

A one volume encyclopedia published by Columbia University and a copy of Marion Webster's Biographical Dictionary have been added to our Books of Reference.

New shelves in the second story Northwest room have made possible a rearrangement of books. In this work Mr. Carl Mason gave valuable help.

Your Trustees are convinced that our Library could be much more useful and indeed our fine building invites a larger use. This would be possible if our financial resources were increased. With this in mind we urge upon all the friends of the Town of Northfield the importance of enlarging the endowment of the Library by liberal gifts today and a legacy in your will.

The Trustees,

C. INA MERRIMAN, Chairman
MARY G. PARKER
MERCY A. BRANN
FRANK H. MONTAGUE
SAMUEL E. WALKER
ROBERT BONNER JACK

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

Circulation :		Books :	
Books	13,438	Purchased	405
Periodicals	492	Gifts	55
State	740	Rebound	40

The Library closed part of the regular time on account of fuel-oil shortage. There were 28 library days lost between February 9th. and June 1st., an equivalent of two library months plus two days.

The State Bookmobile discontinued its regular trips for a time in late Spring, for lack of a driver. When they were resumed they came at longer intervals. These books borrowed from the State, are brought in about every six weeks, and are a popular supplement to our library. Special requests are also met from this source, as well as directly from the Boston headquarters.

While there will be a shortage of new books on the market, publishers are promising a better type of reading available. It is predicted that the trend toward war-books, so noticeable this year, will let up some.

Under more difficult conditions this past year, our Library has held its own very well. The fine cooperation from its patrons and friends has made this possible.

Respectfully submitted,

JEAN V. GIEBEL,

Librarian

Martha W. Alexander Fund

This fund is invested as follows:

Franklin Savings Institution	\$ 4,200 00	
Springfield Institution for Savings	1,000 00	
Crocker Institution for Savings	825 00	
Greenfield Savings Bank	1,500 00	
Orange Savings Bank	1,000 00	
		\$ 8,525 00
Unexpended balance from last year	\$ 167 92	
Received interest for year	168 83	
		\$ 336 75
Disbursements	\$ 185 00	
Bank charge	1 40	
Unexpended balance in Banks	150 35	
		\$ 336 75

FRANK H. MONTAGUE
CHARLES L. GILBERT
CHARLES C. STEARNS

Trustees

Report of Assessors

For the Year Ending December 31, 1943

Value of Real Estate		\$1,679,778.00
Value of Personal Estate		199,680.00
Rate per \$1,000	\$ 36.00	
Polls assessed	651	
Motor excise commitment		3,596.19
Number of horses assessed	77	
Number of cattle assessed	937	
Number of swine assessed	11	
Number of goats assessed	10	
Number of fowl assessed	3,720	
Number of sheep assessed	14	

APPROPRIATIONS

Appropriations from available funds,
February 1, 1943:

Road machinery fund from machinery account	\$ 1,800.00
Old age assistance from surplus revenue	8,000.00
New grade school debt note from surplus revenue	4,500.00
Reserve fund from overlay reserve	1,900.00

Appropriations to be raised by taxation February 1, 1943:

Northfield Farms Library	50.00
Tree Warden	75.00
Street lighting	2,971.56
Highway tools	75.00
Schools	37,000.00
Treasurer—salary	600.00
Treasurer—expense	100.00
Bridges	675.00
Soldiers' relief	1,200.00
Alexander Hall	150.00
Inspection of animals	125.00
Fire department	1,700.00
Maintenance water holes	100.00
Department Public Welfare	5,000.00
Aid to dependent children	1,000.00
Town clerk	250.00
Town clerk—expense	25.00
Selectmen's salary	600.00
Selectmen's expense	100.00
Old age assistance	8,000.00
Public welfare clerk	150.00
School committee—salary	150.00
Inspection meat and slaughtering	150.00
Elections	350.00
Fire and casualty insurance	1,300.00
Sealer of weights and measures	150.00
Accountant's salary	600.00
Accountant's expense	35.00
Assessors' salary	650.00
Assessors' expense	75.00
Town Hall care	1,600.00

Public health	250.00
Interest account	650.00
Moderator and Counsel	250.00
Town clock and fountain	120.00
Town & Assessors' valuation reports	550.00
Bonds and damages	400.00
Snow removal and sanding	3,000.00
Tax collector's salary	400.00
Tax collector's expense	100.00
Extermination Gypsy moth	810.00
Community nurse salary	1,400.00
Community nurse expense	50.00
Railings	300.00
Cemeteries	500.00
Road and highway repairs	4,875.00
Dickinson Memorial Library	1,800.00
Maintenance Chapter 90 roads	500.00
Athletic field	125.00
Memorial Day exercises	125.00
Painting fire house	180.00
Clerk for aid to dependent children	300.00
Constables' pay	200.00
Hydrant service	400.00
Const. school road and grading	400.00
Tax title foreclosures	50.00
Covering windows and doors, West Northfield Schoolhouse	150.00
Forest patrol	150.00
Committee public safety	500.00

Total appropriations	\$99,741.56
State tax	1,650.00
State parks and reservations	56.20
State audit	244.77
County tax	3,523.06
Overlay	2,744.54
Gross amount to be raised	\$107,960.13

Estimated Receipts and Available Funds

Income tax	\$ 7,097.08	
Corporation taxes	2,278.61	
Reimbursement—state owned land	189.13	
Motor vehicle and trailer excise	2,000.00	
Licenses	75.00	
General government	300.00	
Health and sanitation	200.00	
Charities	5,000.00	
Old age tax (meals)	407.82	
Schools	5,000.00	
Interest on taxes	100.00	
American Youth Hostel's gift	150.00	
Transfers	16,200.00	
Total estimated receipts and available funds		\$38,997.64
Net amount to be raised by taxation		68,962.49
Poll tax	1,302.00	
Personal property tax	7,188.48	
Real estate tax	60,472.01	
Total taxes levied on polls and property		\$68,962.49

Respectfully submitted,

FRED S. MERRIFIELD

FRED I. BOLTON

ERNEST A. PARKER

Report of Fire Chief and Forest Fire Warden

During the year 1943 the Fire Department answered 38 calls 3 of which were buildings, 22 chimneys, 11 grass and brush fires and 2 Emergencies, with a loss of only \$4,659.45.

Forest Fire Fighting instruction was given to about 20 high school boys.

I wish to thank all those who complied with the law to obtain permits for open fires which not only helps to save property but also saves expense to the taxpayers.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES L. JOHNSON,
Fire Shief and
Forest Fire Warden

Report of Public Health Nurse

To the Selectmen of the Town of Northfield:

I herewith submit a report of my work from October 1, 1943 to December 27, 1943.

Bedside nursing visits	115
Antepartum visits	9
Delivery	4
Visits to infants under one month	43
Visits to infants over one month	9
Other nursing visits	38
Visits in behalf of T. B. Clinic	6
Talks given	2
Trips to Greenfield in behalf of work	3
Trips to Millers Falls in behalf of work	1
Social service visits	39
Fees taken in	\$ 34 00

I wish to thank the selectmen, the members of the Health Council and all others who have helped me in any way.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. DEAN WILLIAMS, R. N.

Report of Town Accountant

In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, I submit the following report of the Accountant's Department for the calendar year ending December 31, 1943, including the source of all receipts, detail of appropriations and expenditures, statement of Trust funds and Town debt, and a balance sheet showing the financial condition of the Town January 1, 1944.

FRED H. DOOLITTLE,

Town Accountant.

ANALYSIS OF TREASURER'S RECEIPTS

Taxes from 1940	\$	134.35	
Taxes from 1941		6,924.67	
Taxes from 1942		10,952.72	
Taxes from 1943—Poll		986.00	
Taxes from 1943—Personal		6,170.15	
Taxes from 1943—Real Estate		48,047.13	\$73,215.02
Tax Title			16.08
Motor Vehicle excise for 1942		68.85	
Motor Vehicle excise for 1943		3,459.44	3,528.29
From State:			
Income tax		7,645.00	
Corporation tax		3,268.61	
Reimbursement for loss of tax		189.13	
State Guard Uniforms		348.60	11,451.34

Licenses		
24 Gasoline	24.00	
8 Pistol	8.00	
5 Victualers	5.00	
3 Inn Keepers	6.00	
6 Milk	3.00	
3 Oleo	1.50	
2 Junk	4.00	
1 Auctioneer	2.00	53.50

Health		
Pasteurizing		20.00
Dog Licenses	559.20	
Victory Tax	456.20	
Income Tax	1,029.30	2,044.70

From County		
Dog Fund	386.56	
Court Fines	40.00	
Highway, Chapter 90	499.97	926.53

From State		
Highways, Chapter 81, 1942	1,663.91	
Highways, Chapter 81, 1943	7,963.51	
Highways, Chapter 90, 1943	499.97	
Mass. School Fund	5,953.05	
Union Superintendent	676.67	
Tuition and Transportation	462.44	
Vocational Education	244.19	
Inspection of Animals	10.00	
Meal Tax	671.86	
Youth Hostel	150.00	18,295.60

Protection of Persons and Property

Sealer's Fees	48.85	
Forest Fire Department	18.25	
Forest Fire Truck	65.27	132.37

Health

Nurse Fees		182.90
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Charities

State Temporary Aid	535.06	
State, A. D. C.	671.47	
State Indigent persons	36.00	
State, Old Age Assistance	10,482.56	
Other Towns, O. A. A.	212.00	
U. S. Grant, O. A. A.	11,385.79	
U. S. Grant, O. A. A. Administrator	379.49	
U. S. Grant, A. D. C.	612.00	
U. S. Grant, A. D. C. Administrator	12.24	24,326.61

Schools

Tuition from other towns	340.00	
Transportation from Individuals	134.10	474.10

Unclassified

Collector's fees	49.63	
Rent of Town Hall	51.00	
Rent of Alexander Hall	5.00	
Library fines	71.00	
Machinery Acct. Trucks, etc.	3,098.75	
Sale of Sand	38.00	
Sale of junk	449.22	
Sale of Northfield History	10.00	
Sale of Real Estate		
(Tax Title Foreclosure)	135.92	3,908.52

Interest

Interest on		
Deferred Taxes	774.61	
George F. Morgan Fund	60.30	
School Funds	52.26	
Cemeteries	526.76	
Library	186.81	
C. P. Dickinson Book Fund	60.30	
Elisha Alexander Fund	57.01	1,717.55

Cemeteries

Perpetual Care Funds	450.00	
Sale of Lots	140.00	590.00

Investment Fund

Belcher Library Fund	466.93	
Schools, Surplus Revenue	250.00	716.93

Refunds

Schools	7.17	
Snow Removal	1.00	
Old Age Assistance	3.00	
Insurance	131.91	
Defense	5.59	
Welfare	2.80	151.47

Total Receipts for 1943 141,751.54

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1943 36,182.39

177,933.93

EXPENDITURES

Town Hall

Appropriation \$ 1,600.00

Payments

Carl L. Mason	\$ 540.00
F. M. Dunnell, fuel	613.72
Western Mass. Electric Co.	141.77
Northfield Water Co.	31.85
C. L. Johnson	60.55
Town of Northfield, pump	20.77
W. D. Miller	3.50
Henry W. Hammond	6.75
Com. of Public Safety	5.00
H. L. McCullough	1.56

F. A. Irish	16.14
G. N. Kidder	25.25
Northfield Pharmacy	2.28
Avery's Store	3.18
Sears, Roebuck & Co.	2.10

1,474.42

Unexpended Balance to Revenue	125.58	1,600.00
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Selectmen

Appropriation		600.00
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Payments

Fred A. Holton	200.00	
George W. Carr	200.00	
F. M. Dunnell	200.00	600.00

Selectmen's Expense Account

Appropriation		100.00
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Payments

Robinson Seal Co.	12.63
New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co.	13.70
Inspection of Buildings	6.00
Mass. Selectmen's Association	9.00
Northfield Press	1.00
Fred A. Holton	1.00

43.33

Unexpended Balance to Revenue	56.67	100.00
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Moderator and Counsel

Appropriation		250.00
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Payments

William F. Hoehn	10.00
Stoddard, Ball & Bartlett	127.42

137.42

Unexpended Balance to Revenue	112.58	250.00
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Tax Collector

Appropriation, salary	400.00	
Appropriation, expense account	100.00	500.00

Payments

Charles F. Slate, salary	400.00
Hobbs & Warren	44.93
M. C. Skilton	37.42
Read-Shaw Ins. Agency	5.00
Northfield Press	8.33
Charles F. Slate	4.25

	499.93	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	.07	500.00

Treasurer

Appropriation, salary	600.00
Appropriation, expense account	100.00
Appropriation by transfer	15.60

Total Credits		715.60
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Payments

Charles F. Slate, salary	600.00
M. C. Skilton	46.68
Franklin County Trust Co.	35.31
Robinson Seal Co.	3.85
Charles F. Slate	25.61
The Bookstore	4.15

715.60	715.60
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Town Clerk

Appropriation, salary	250.00
Appropriation, expense account	25.00

Total Credits		275.00
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Payments

Josephine Haskell, salary	250.00	
The Marcheterre Press	8.10	
American Writing Ink Co.	1.08	
Robinson Seal Co.	3.62	
Josephine S. Haskell	12.20	
	275.00	275.00

Election and Registration

Appropriation		350.00
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Payments

C. L. Johnson	67.00	
C. L. Gilbert	67.00	
Henry W. Russell	67.00	
Josephine S. Haskell	14.17	
Robinson Seal Co.	26.55	
Northfield Press	21.25	
Election Officers	32.00	
	294.97	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	55.03	350.00

Assessors and Clerk

Appropriation, salary	650.00	
Appropriation, expense account	75.00	
Total Credits		725.00

Payments

Fred S. Merrifield	150.00	
Fred I. Bolton	150.00	
Ernest Parker and Clerk	350.00	
Hobbs & Warren	35.82	
Robinson Seal Co.	25.45	
Ernest Parker	8.52	
	719.79	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	5.21	725.00

Accountant

Appropriation, balance	27.28
Appropriation, salary	600.00
Appropriation, expense account	35.00

Total Credits	662.28
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Payments

F. H. Doolittle, salary	600.00
C. H. Demond	5.25
The Commonwealth of Mass.	15.07
The Bookstore	.95
F. H. Doolittle, postage, etc.	5.52

	626.79
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	35.49

	662.28
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Tax Title Foreclosure

Appropriation	50.00
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Payments

Charles F. Slate, Recording Deeds	5.48
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	44.52

	50.00
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Trust Fund Protection

Appropriation, balance from 1942	563.16
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Payments

Unexpended Balance to Revenue	563.16
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	563.16
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Fire Department

Appropriation	1,700.00
Appropriation, balance from 1942	26.50

Total Credits	1,726.50
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Payments

C. L. Johnson	321.17
Clifford Bolton	26.50
Edward Bolton	83.00
Fred I. Bolton	16.00

Charles Browning	48.50	
Andrew Gray	19.00	
George Lombard	24.50	
George Carr	6.00	
Roy Barrows	11.00	
Willis Parker	9.00	
Verne Ware	15.00	
Francis Reed	7.00	
Harrison Stacy	23.00	
Alfred Holton	15.00	
Lee Sheldon	10.00	
George Sheldon	3.00	
Myron Dunnell	4.00	
Donald Truesdale	7.50	
James Dresser	1.00	
Mount Hermon School	26.35	
Grass Fires	40.75	717.27

Supplies

New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co.	64.41	
Colton's Insurance Agency	145.00	
F. M. Dunnell	96.51	
Morgan's Garage	31.26	
E. M. Gulow Co.	4.63	
S. Allen & Sons	4.20	
Northfield Seminary	5.85	
Spencer Bros.	19.71	
The Northfield	1.67	
American LaFrance Co.	12.73	
Donald G. Deane	195.00	
Leavis & Bolton	24.93	
Sunshine Stores	6.00	
G. E. Murray	6.00	
Alfred Holton	46.80	
Avery's Store	2.20	
F. A. Irish	1.35	
Forest fire truck	13.00	
Johnson & Johnson	7.25	

Max W. Huber	4.00	
Florence Stove Co.	.65	
	693.15	
	1,410.42	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	316.08	
		1,726.50

Water Holes

Appropriation		\$ 100.00
	Payments	
C. L. Johnson	9.00	
Frank Anderson	43.20	
Ernest Kenney	24.00	
Calvin Kenney	19.20	
	95.40	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	4.60	100.00

Hydrant Service

Appropriation		400.00
	Payments	
Northfield Water Co.	400.00	400.00

Forest Patrol

Appropriation		150.00
	Payments	
C. L. Johnson	2.50	
C. L. Gilbert	70.00	
E. C. Bolton	2.50	
	75.00	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	75.00	150.00

Painting Fire House

Appropriation		180.00
	Payments	
Max W. Huber	152.55	
Franklin Co. Lumber Co.	3.52	
C. L. Johnson	6.00	
	162.07	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	17.93	180.00

Constable Pay

Appropriation		200.00
	Payments	
Martin E. Vorce	76.35	
Harry M. Haskell	22.50	
Hermon Miner	3.75	
	102.60	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	97.40	200.00

Inspection of Animals

Appropriation		125.00
	Payments	
Arthur H. Bolton	85.00	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	40.00	125.00

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Appropriation		150.00
	Payments	
Dean W. Williams	125.00	
Robinson Seal Co.	9.18	
	134.18	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	15.82	150.00

Inspection of Meat and Slaughter

Appropriation	150.00	
	Payments	
Appropriation, transfer	20.75	
Total Credits		170.75
	Payments	
Horace W. Bolton	170.75	170.75

Insurance

Appropriation		1,300.00
	Payments	
A. P. Fitt, Liability	307.82	
A. P. Fitt, Fire	725.98	
	1,033.80	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	266.20	1,300.00

Gypsy Moth

Appropriation		810.00
	Payments	
Frank Anderson	191.40	
Calvin Kenney	89.40	
Ernest Kinney	39.60	
William Andrews	9.60	
Carl Stone	24.00	
Robert Chapin	22.20	
Paul Gorgorcoski	52.80	
Stephen Szezrba	37.20	
Sidney Given, Jr.	25.20	
Frank W. Hance	21.12	
Frank Anderson, Truck	70.00	
	582.52	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	227.48	810.00

Tree Warden

Appropriation		75.00
	Payments	
Dean Williams	6.20	
Weldon Campbell	61.50	
	67.70	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	7.30	75.00

Planting and Care of Trees

Appropriation from 1942		181.34
	Payments	
Weldon Campbell	60.00	
Unexpended Balance to 1944	121.34	181.34

Defense

(Ration Board)

Appropriation from Defense Com.	25.00	
Appropriation by transfer from Reserve	300.00	
Total Credits		325.00
	Payments	
New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co.	35.40	
C. H. Demond	49.07	
Mrs. Shirley Kehl	108.86	
Mrs. Helen Cobb	10.00	
Northfield Seminary	3.19	
Avery's Store	1.90	
Northfield Press	5.00	
G. N. Kidder	1.00	
Dr. R. G. Holton	1.00	
Part of Service Inst. Bill	19.57	
	234.99	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	90.01	325.00

Defense
(Committee)

Appropriation		475.00
	Payments	
New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co.	35.20	
Junk Collection	61.50	
Northfield Seminary	43.06	
The Duro Products Corp.	3.75	
Ralph Curico Co.	5.00	
Roger Greenwood	2.42	
Mrs. R. L. Spencer	1.73	
Johnson & Johnson	4.50	
George McEwan	20.00	
American LaFrance Co.	237.58	
Part of Service Installation Bill	60.26	475.00

Honor Roll

Appropriation		350.00
	Payments	
Rugg Mfg. Co.	135.00	
Northfield Press	8.00	
The Fisher Jeronch Co.	6.00	
	149.00	
Balance to 1944	201.00	350.00

Community Nurse

Appropriation		1,400.00
	Payments	
Euphrasia Purrington	1,040.00	
Mrs. Dean Williams	360.00	1,400.00

Community Nurse
(Expense)

Appropriation	50.00
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Payments

New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co.	8.55
Northfield Pharmacy	10.39
Hawley's Pharmacy	2.56
Mead & Wheeler	6.05
Mrs. H. A. Johnson	5.30
Euphrasia Purrington	7.13
Mrs. Dean Williams	.80
A. & P. Store	.93

41.65

Unexpended Balance to Revenue	8.35	50.00
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Health

Appropriation	250.00
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Payments

Dr. Claire Manwell	50.00
Dr. F. W. Dean	40.00
Dr. R. G. Holton	25.00
Josephine S. Haskell (Vital statistics)	74.50
Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel Co.	12.50
Sundry Persons (Pay roll)	42.00
A. & P. Store	.37
Johnson & Johnson	2.00

246.37

Unexpended Balance to Revenue	3.63	250.00
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Highways—Chapter 81

Appropriation	4,875.00	
Appropriation, State contract	8,125.00	13,000.00

Payments

Ralph V. Gibson,	
Superintendent	997.05
Henry Bassett, labor	605.40

Frank J. Brasseur, labor	562.80	
Joseph Watalicz, labor	694.80	
Leon Randall, labor	699.00	
Herbert Black, labor	672.80	
Ernest Kenney	586.20	
Robert Strange, labor	531.60	
Ignac Billman, labor	499.00	
William Strange, labor	8.00	
Robert Strange, Jr., labor	4.80	
John Watalicz, labor	12.00	
Robert Beaccini, labor	159.00	
Wm. Shattuck, Jr., labor	164.40	
Carl Stone, labor	33.60	
Calvin Kenney, labor	92.40	
Charles Adams, labor	58.80	
Harlan Randall, labor	24.00	
Clarence Whitney, labor	22.20	
William Andrews, labor	95.20	
Milo Slaght, labor	24.00	6,547.05

Trucks and Machinery

Town Truck No. 3	843.75	
Town Truck No. 4	815.25	
Town Scraper	91.00	
Town Sanding Machine	26.50	
Herman Fisher, tractor	208.00	
Herman Fisher, truck	67.50	
Frank Anderson, truck	99.00	
Melvin Miller, truck	32.00	2,183.00

Materials

Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel	1,237.50	
A. H. Farnum	57.30	
American Tar Co.	2,147.97	

W. D. Miller	10.00	
Max Huber, signs	5.00	3,457.77
		12,187.82
Transfer to Snow Removal		812.00
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	.18	13,000.00

Chapter 81—Roads

Warwick Avenue	73.97
Warwick Road	747.81
Commonwealth	28.00
Gulf	1,215.38
Murdock Hill	70.80
Swamp	138.80
Orange	368.60
Mt. Hermon Sta.	176.47
East Northfield	394.54
Pine	90.42
Winchester	426.95
Pierson	130.55
Ashuelot	15.00
Moody Street	62.62
Birnam Road	123.40
Holton Street	176.91
Highland Avenue	26.20
Caldwell Road	354.60
River Road	39.40
Randall Road	3.00
Vernon Road	336.65
Parker Avenue	240.81
Great Meadow	39.20
Meadow Street	70.82
Bridge Street	36.95
School Street	304.28
St. Marys Street	51.00
Alexander Hill	267.70
Pratt Hollow	14.00
Maple Street	400.70

Beers Plain Road	698.38
New Road	67.80
Old Wendell Road	160.00
Lyman Road	187.20
Luckey Clapp	104.80
South Mt. Road	1,451.14
Fisher	53.60
Four Mile Brook	316.40
Gill	172.60
Pine Meadow	834.19
Branch Roads	26.20
Cross Road	39.30
East Street	23.20
Northfield Farms	152.60
Strobridge	
Dickenson Street	
Bennett Brook	528.43
Glenwood Avenue	26.20
Munn's Ferry	10.80
Myrtle Street	133.65
North Lane	334.40
Aldrich Street	4.00
Slate Road	34.30
Jewett Road	19.80
Gerrish Road	12.20
South Mt. Branch	72.60
Linden	18.00
Adams	5.00
Holly Avenue	19.25
Rustic Way	203.80
Old Ferry	36.25
Signs	16.20
Total	12,187.82

Highways—Chapter 90

Appropriation, Town share	500.00
Appropriation, State share	499.97

Appropriation, County share	499.97
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Total Credits	1,499.94
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Payments

Ralph V. Gibson, Superintendent	73.10	
Henry Bassett, labor	31.20	
Frank Brassor, labor	43.20	
Joseph Watalicz, labor	36.00	
Ernest Kinney, labor	36.00	
Ignac Billman, labor	13.20	
Robert Strange, labor	27.60	
Wm. Shattuck, Jr., labor	9.60	
Calvin Kenney, labor	33.60	
Leon Randall, Truck driver	34.20	
Herbert Black, Truck driver	19.80	357.50

Trucks and Machinery

Town Truck No. 3	42.75	
Town Truck No. 4	18.75	
Town Sander	10.00	
Frank Anderson	30.00	
Melvin Miller	22.00	123.50

Materials

Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel Co.	132.60	
American Tar Co.	886.31	1,018.91

1,499.91

Unexpended Balance to Revenue	.03	1,499.94
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Highway Tools

Appropriation	75.00
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Payments

Frank W. Hance	37.07
E. M. Gulow & Co.	20.25

W .D. Miller	9.36	
John Anderson	3.30	
Raymond Dresser	1.00	
	70.98	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	4.02	75.00

Snow Removal

Appropriation	3,000.00	
Transfer from Chapter 81	812.00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund	.30	
Total Credits		3,812.30

Payments

Ralph V. Gibson,		
Superintendent	447.05	
Henry Bassett, labor	167.10	
Leslie Gibson, labor	47.90	
Francis Fisher, labor	28.00	
Frank Brassor, labor	102.30	
Norman Collier, labor	1.50	
Julian Black, labor	12.00	
Joseph Watalicz, labor	34.80	
Ernest Kenney, labor	42.60	
John Watalicz, labor	4.80	
Robert Beaccini, labor	2.00	
Leon Randall, Truck	369.60	
Herbert Black, Truck	336.50	
Ignac Billman, labor	9.60	
Robert Strange, labor	19.20	
Paul Gorgorcoski, labor	2.70	
Frank Anderson, labor	9.20	1,636.85

Trucks and Machinery

Town Truck No. 3	356.25
Town Truck No. 4	305.50
Town Sander	72.00

Herman Fisher, Truck	94.00		
Herman Fisher, Tractor	71.50	899.25	

Materials

The Northfield	9.41		
Spencer's Garage (walks)	76.00		
Spencer's Garage	28.00		
Stearn's Garage	170.14		
Morgan's Garage	296.27		
G. C. Buffum	8.78		
Fred Kelley	148.40		
E. M. Gulow & Co.	57.00		
Allied Steel Co.	129.23		
The Chemical Corp.	108.45		
Frank Hance	35.28		
R. Gibson (express)	1.15		
Federal Steel Co.	.60		
International Salt Co.	207.49	1,276.20	3,812.30

Street Lights

Appropriation			2,971.56
	Payments		
Western Mass. Electric Co.		2,971.56	2,971.56

Bridges

Appropriation	675.00	
Appropriation, Transfer		
From Reserve Fund	64.94	

Total Credits 739.94

Payments

Ralph V. Gibson, Supt.	32.30
Henry Bassett, labor	24.00
Frank Brassor, labor	5.40
Ernest Kenney, labor	27.60
Calvin Kenney, labor	4.80

Joe Watalicz, labor	10.80	
Charles Adams, labor	4.80	
Ignac Billman, labor	4.80	
Leon Randall, labor	32.40	
Herbert Black, labor	25.20	
		172.10

Trucks and Materials

Town Truck No. 3	31.50	
Town Truck No. 4	13.50	
Town Sander	2.00	
E. W. Gulow & Co.	12.81	
Frank W. Hance	5.14	
W. D. Miller	5.91	
Leach Lumber Co.	128.00	
Tenney & Smead	41.68	
Goodspeed Lumber Co.	36.80	
Turners Falls Lumber Co.	126.91	
G. K. Watson	43.70	
J. I. Halcomb Mfg. Co.	23.00	
G. N. Kidder	26.20	
Evans Bros.	2.29	
American Tar Co.	68.50	
		567.84

739.94

Railings

Appropriation 300.00

Payments

Ralph V. Gibson, Supt.	43.35
Henry Bassett, labor	38.40
Frank Brassor, labor	38.40
Ernest Kenney, labor	18.00
Joe Watalicz, labor	9.60
Herbert Black	38.40
Leon Randall	4.80
Truck No. 3	3.00
Truck No. 4	16.50

Andrew Plotzyk, posts	54.25	
Evans Bros.	32.37	
Tenney & Smead	.81	
W. D. Miller	1.95	
	299.83	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	.17	300.00

Road Machinery Fund

Appropriation		1,800.00
	Payments	
Morgan's Garage	617.52	
Stearns' Garage	396.79	
Spencer's Bros. Garage	228.99	
G. C. Buffam	200.00	
Colton's Ins. Agency	97.80	
Federal Tool & Steel Co.	178.98	
Herbert Black	24.60	
Frank W. Hance	10.18	
	1,754.80	
Unexpended Balance to		
Machinery Account	45.20	1,800.00

Report of Welfare Department

Year 1943

Number of Public Welfare Cases aided during year		19
Aid rendered in Northfield	18	
Aid rendered in Warwick	1	19
	Soldiers' Relief	
Number of cases aided during year		2
Aid rendered in Northfield	1	
Aid rendered in Montague	1	2

Aid to Dependent Children

Number of cases aided in Northfield	3
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Old Age Assistance

Number of Recipients January 1, 1943	53
Cases received during year	11
Cases closed during year	10
Number of recipients December 31, 1943	54

Public Welfare

Appropriation	\$5,000.00
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Cash Payment	970.10
Mrs. D. C. Donahue	279.53
Judith M. Haynes	213.49
Dr. F. W. Dean	159.60
Dr. A. H. Wright	12.62
J. C. Penney Co.	9.08
Tenney Farms	65.12
G. O. Dunnell	62.38
F. M. Dunnell	215.23
F. A. Irish	417.46
Mrs. Mary Nye	65.00
Northfield Pharmacy	232.23
Dr. W. J. Pellitier	226.75
A. & P. Tea Co.	85.09
Harold L. Laplante	124.09
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	7.95
Barber's I. G. A. Store	178.78
Farren Memorial Hospital	56.42
Franklin County Hospital	108.45
Avery's Store	6.21
Dr. W. D. Thomas	28.05
Hobbs & Warren	.55
Evans Brothers	12.00
T. J. Russell	81.24
Kenneth Leach	28.00
Western Mass. Electric Co.	11.54
George A. Bronson	1.85
City of Holyoke	328.57

Town of Walpole	.50
Dean Williams	9.77
Surplus Commodities	4.00
The Bookstore	.60
J. Billman	15.00
The Northfield	32.00
N. F. Collier	16.92
	4,066.17
Unexpended Balance	933.83
	\$5,000.00

Soldiers' Relief

Appropriation \$1,200.00

E. E. Lanfair	90.00
L. A. Ross	54.26
R. O. Leach	25.00
Dr. G. K. Gould	28.05
H. J. Ward	67.28
Dr. F. W. Dean	28.35
J. A. Bartley	41.08
E. E. Buckmaster	178.18
Avery's Store	3.00
G. W. Chapin	14.00
Dr. M. B. Molochick	20.00
G. N. Kidder	22.00
	571.20
Unexpended Balance	628.80
	1,200.00

Aid to Dependent Children

Appropriation	\$1,000.00
Balance from 1942 U. S. Grant	.31
U. S. Grant 1943	612.00
	1,612.31

Payments	
Cash	1,302.90
Unexpended balance	309.41
	1,612.31

Old Age Assistance	
Appropriation	16,000.00
U. S. Grant	11,385.79
	27,385.79

Payments	
Cash payments	25,099.28
Town of Greenfield	27.50
Town of Wakefield	44.00
Town of Montague	94.82
City of Springfield	80.00
City of Boston	32.89
Town of Orange	32.50
City of Holyoke	137.18
	25,548.17
Unexpended Balance	1,837.62
	\$27,385.79

GEORGE W. CARR.
Chairman, Board of Public Welfare

A. D. C. Administrator (U. S. Grant)		
Appropriation received		12.24
Payments		
George W. Carr	7.50	
Unexpended Balance to 1944	4.74	12.24

A. D. C. and O. A. A. Administrators	
Appropriation	300.00

Payments

George W. Carr	20.00	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	280.00	300.00

Public Welfare Clerk

Appropriation		150.00
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Payments

George W. Carr	150.00	150.00
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George F. Morgan Fund

Appropriation, Balance from 1942	141.53	
Appropriation, income	60.30	

Total Credits		201.83
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Payments

Dr. W. J. Pellitier	45.00	
Dr. L. H. Noyes	9.50	
G. O. Dunnell	8.21	
Commonwealth of Mass.	25.00	
Euphrasia Purrington	43.34	
Mrs. Dean Williams	5.60	

Unexpended Balance to 1944	136.65	
	65.18	201.83

Elisher Alexander Fund

Appropriation, Income		57.01
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Payments

W. D. Miller	16.45	
Unexpended Balance to 1944	40.56	57.01

Schools

Appropriation		37,000.00
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Payments

Superintendent	1,132.50	
Administrative Expense	51.78	
Clerk	294.00	
Teachers' Salaries	17,635.16	

Textbooks	417.96	
Supplies :		
Student	657.73	
Janitor	493.04	
Domestic Science	33.42	
Salaries : Janitors'	2,411.60	
Fuel	1,954.98	
Water and Current	850.49	
Transportation	7,128.50	
Repairs	486.59	
New Equipment	361.96	
Medical :		
Physician	150.00	
Nurse	250.00	
Sundry Educational Expense	308.43	
Penmanship	350.00	
Tuition : Vocational	526.20	
Total Expended	35,494.34	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	1,505.66	

37,000.00

School Committee

Appropriation		150.00
	Payments	
Sidney Given	50.00	
Mrs. Dorothy Miller	50.00	
Irving J .Lawrence	50.00	150.00

Protection of West Northfield School

Appropriation		150.00
	Payments	
Leavis & Bolton	132.87	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	17.13	150.00

Center School Conversion

Appropriation		2,000.00
	Payments	
George V. Corsiglia	1,466.33	
Leavis & Bolton	360.00	
Max W. Huber	14.00	
	1,840.33	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	159.67	2,000.00

School Road

Appropriation		400.00
	Payments	
R. V. Gibson, Superintendent	32.30	
Henry Bassett, labor	28.20	
Frank Brassor, labor	12.60	
Ernest Kenney, labor	16.20	
Joseph Watalicz, labor	4.80	
Ignac Billman, labor	4.80	
Robert Strange, labor	4.80	
Wm. Shattuck, Jr., labor	4.80	
Leon Randall, labor	35.40	
Herbert Black, labor	31.80	
	175.70	
Truck No. 3	36.75	
Truck No. 4	32.25	
G. E. Murray	20.00	
Fred Kelley	132.50	
	222.50	
	398.20	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	1.80	400.00

Library	
Appropriation	1,800.00

Payments	
Mrs. Marjory H. Norton	281.75
Jean V. Geibel	187.25
Mrs. Austin Phelps	54.20
Carl Mason	260.00
The H. R. Hunting Co.	90.01
The Springfield News Co.	165.31
Book of the Month Club	29.58
Barrett & Baker	34.96
G. & C. Merriam Co.	5.98
Ann Merriman	25.00
C. R. Finch	21.50
International Librarian Club	3.35
Dumco Library Supply Co.	15.15
Remington Rand Co.	4.85
Sundry Persons	11.00
The W. H. Watson Co.	7.50
Linden's Express	1.03
Morgan's Garage	.75
Henry W. Hammond	2.75
F. A. Irish	1.02
F. M. Dunnell	191.67
Northfield Water Co.	6.00
Western Mass. Electric Co.	32.77
Leavis & Bolton	81.10
Max W. Huber	3.00
Charles Peck & Co.	10.25
Expense Account	5.00
	1,533.23
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	266.77
	1,800.00

Charles P. Dickinson Book Fund

Appropriation Balance from 1942	4.85
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Receipts from Investments	60.30	
Total Credits		65.15
	Payments	
The H. R. Hunting Co.	37.48	
The Springfield News Co.	25.03	
	62.51	
Unexpended Balance to 1944	2.64	65.15

Northfield Farms Library

Appropriation		50.00
	Payment	
Charles L. Gilbert, Treas.	50.00	50.00

Library Funds

Appropriation, Balance from 1942	80.88	
Appropriation, Income from securities	186.31	
Total Credits		267.19
	Payments	
Jean V. Geibel, Librarian	78.00	
Carl Mason	50.00	
Mrs. Austin Phelps	12.20	
The H. R. Hunting Co.	3.65	
Springfield News Co.	25.13	
Book of the Month Club	3.12	
Barrett & Baker	18.45	
J. S. Mosby & Sons	33.73	
Northfield Seminary	7.70	
Northfield Water Co.	6.00	
C. R. Finch	4.00	
Western Mass. Electric Co.	10.48	
G. N. Kidder	5.46	
F. A. Irish	.90	
Expense Account	5.00	
	263.82	
Unexpended Balance to 1944	3.37	267.19

Alexander Hall

Appropriation		150.00
	Payments	
Donald Finch	95.00	
Frank Anderson	25.00	
G. N. Kidder	13.50	
W. D. Miller	3.55	
A. L. Goodrich	6.00	
F. W. Pearsall	1.50	
Houghton & Simonds	5.22	
	149.75	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	.25	150.00

Town and Assessors' Reports

Appropriation		550.00
	Payments	
Northfield Press	473.50	
Fred Holton	10.00	
Ernest Parker	12.00	
	495.50	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	54.50	550.00

Town Clock and Fountain

Appropriation		120.00
	Payments	
C. L. Johnson	7.10	
Northfield Water Co.	75.00	
H. A. Miner	25.60	
	107.70	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	12.30	120.00

Bonds and Damage

Appropriation		400.00
	Payments	
Colton's Insurance Agency	209.50	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	190.50	400.00

Care of Athletic Field

Appropriation		125.00
	Payments	
Spencer Bros.	46.50	
W. D. Miller	14.97	
Frank Anderson	20.65	
	82.12	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	42.88	125.00

Memorial Day

Appropriation		125.00
	Payments	
Edward W. Ohrenstein	25.00	
Clark's Sound Service	10.00	
Mt. Hermon School Band	10.00	
The Northfield	12.00	
Unitarian Church	7.10	
Eagle Fireworks Co.	19.00	
Dorothy J. Bigelow	5.00	
Edgar J. Livingstone	5.78	
	93.88	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	31.12	125.00

Reserve Fund

Appropriation, By transfer from overlay reserve		1,900.00
	Payments By Transfer To	
Defense Ration Board	300.00	
Treasurer's Expense Account	15.60	

Cemeteries	76.41
Inspector, Meat and Slaughter	20.75
Snow Removal	.30
Highways, Chapter—81	161.31
Bridge Repairs	64.94

639.91

Unexpended Balance to
Overlay Reserve

1,260.69

1,900.00

Cemeteries

Appropriation	500.00
Appropriation	
Income from Securities	266.12
Appropriation, Transfer from Reserve	76.41

Total Credits

842.53

Payments

G. N. Kidder	49.29
C. C. Morgan	58.20
Winfred Broad	22.20
Joseph Bartus	2.40
Francis Fisher	4.80
Frank Britton	214.50
Stephan Matosky	253.10
C. M. Whitney	48.00
Paul Gorgorcosky	13.20
Joseph Billman	50.00
Ignac Billman	9.60
Frank Fortier	3.85
Ernest Kinney	9.60
Joe Watalicz	9.60
Emerson Quinn	6.60
Cecil Miner	1.20
Frank Anderson	.90
Carl Stone	.90
Raymond Sauter	7.20

Northfield Water Co.	12.00	
Morgan's Garage	14.25	
W. H. Snow	28.50	
George Dunnell	8.70	
W. D. Miller	5.14	
C. L. Johnson	3.00	
F. F. Truck	6.00	
	842.53	842.53

West Northfield Cemetery Fund

Appropriation, Balance from 1942	34.95	
Appropriation, Income from Securities	250.59	
Total Credits		285.54
	Payments	
Carleton Holton	72.00	
Elwin Blackstone	109.90	
Bert Britt	12.60	
	194.50	
Unexpended Balance to 1944	91.04	285.54

Interest Account

Appropriation		650.00
	Payments	
The Merchant's Nat'l Bank of Boston	540.00	
Franklin County Trust Co.	2.78	
	542.78	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	107.22	650.00

New School Debt

Appropriation		4,500.00
	Payment	
The Merchant's Nat'l Bank of Boston	4,500.00	4,500.00

Net Bonded Debt

Debt January 1, 1943	36,000.00
Payment in 1943	4,500.00

Net Bonded Debt January 1, 1944	31,500.00
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Recapitulation

Total Appropriations, Payments and Unexpended Balances

	Payments	Appropriations	Balance
Town Hall	\$ 1,474.42	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 125.58
Selectmen, Expense Acct.	43.33	100.00	56.67
Moderator and Counsel	137.42	250.00	112.58
Collector, Expense Acct.	99.93	100.00	.07
Election and Registration	294.97	350.00	55.03
Assessors and Clerk,			
Expense Account	69.79	75.00	5.21
Accountant	626.79	662.28	35.49
Tax Title Foreclosure	5.48	50.00	44.52
Trust Fund Protection		563.16	563.16
Fire Department	1,410.42	1,726.50	316.08
Water holes	95.40	100.00	4.60
Forest Patrol	75.00	150.00	75.00
Painting Fire House	162.07	180.00	17.93
Constable Pay	102.60	200.00	97.40
Inspection of Animals	85.00	125.00	40.00
Sealer, Weights & Meas.	134.18	150.00	15.82
Insurance	1,033.80	1,300.00	266.20
Gypsy Moth	582.52	810.00	227.48
Tree Warden	67.70	75.00	7.30
Defense, Ration Board	234.99	325.00	90.01
Community Nurse,			
Expense account	41.65	50.00	8.35
Public Health	246.37	250.00	3.63
Highways, Chapter 90	1,499.91	1,499.94	.03

Highway Tools	70.98	75.00	4.02
Railings	299.83	300.00	.17
Public Welfare	4,066.17	5,000.00	933.83
Aid to Dependent Child.	808.50	1,000.00	191.50
A. D. C. & O. A. A. Adms.	20.00	300.00	280.00
Old Age Assistance	14,336.04	16,000.00	1,663.96
Soldiers' Relief	571.20	1,200.00	628.80
Schools	35,494.34	37,000.00	1,505.66
School Road	398.20	400.00	1.80
Protection of West			
Northfield Schools	132.87	150.00	17.13
Center School Conversion	1,840.33	2,000.00	159.67
Library	1,533.23	1,800.00	266.77
Alexander Hall	149.75	150.00	.25
Town & Assessors' Reports	495.50	550.00	54.50
Town Clock and Fountain	107.70	120.00	12.30
Bonds and Damage	209.50	400.00	190.50
Care of Athletic Field	82.12	125.00	42.88
Memorial Day	93.88	125.00	31.12
Interest account	542.78	650.00	107.22

Unexpended Balance to
Revenue

8,260.22

Selectmen	600.00	600.00
Tax Collector	400.00	400.00
Treasurer	600.00	600.00
Treasurer, Expense Acct.	115.60	115.60
Town Clerk	275.00	275.00
Assessors and Clerk	650.00	650.00
Hydrant Service	400.00	400.00
Insp. of Meat and Slaughter	170.75	170.75
Defense Committee	475.00	475.00
Community Nurse	1,400.00	1,400.00
Highways, Chapter 81	12,999.82	12,999.82
Snow Removal	3,812.30	3,812.30
Street Lights	2,971.56	2,971.56

Public Welfare Clerk	150.00	150.00	
Bridge Repairs	739.94	739.94	
School Committee	150.00	150.00	
Northfield Farms Library	50.00	50.00	
Cemeteries	500.00	500.00	
New School Note	4,500.00	4,500.00	
Cemetery Trust Fund	342.53	342.53	
Balances of the following accounts carried to 1944:			
Planting and care of trees	60.00	181.34	121.34
Honor Roll	149.00	350.00	201.01
Machinery Account	1,800.00	9,280.81	7,480.81
A. D. C. (U. S. Grant)	494.40	612.31	117.91
A. D. C. U. S. Administrator	7.50	12.24	4.74
Old Age Administrator (U. S. Grant)	316.26	429.02	112.76
Old Age Assistance (U. S. Grant)	11,212.13	11,385.79	173.66
Geo. F. Morgan Fund	136.65	201.83	65.18
Elisher Alexander Fund	16.45	57.01	40.56
Belcher Center School Fund		105.55	105.55
Library Trust Funds	263.82	267.19	3.37
C. P. Dickinson Book Fund	62.51	65.15	2.64
Calvin Stearns Lot, fund		10.05	10.05
West Northfield (Ceme- tery Fund)	194.50	285.54	91.04
Road Machinery Fund	1,754.80	1,800.00	45.20
Unexpended Balance to Machinery Account			
Reserve Fund		1,260.69	1,260.69
Unexpended Balance to Overlay Reserve			

Additional Payments

State Tax	1,650.00
State Tax, Parks and Reservations	53.79
State Audit	247.77
Tailings	.80
County Tax	4,423.73
Dog licenses	561.00
Temporary Loans	2,000.00
Deposit of	
Cemetery Funds	450.00
School Funds	250.00
Library Funds	466.93
Victory Tax	456.20
Income Tax	308.90
Refund, 1940 Tax	.40
Refund, 1941 Tax	2.00
Refund, 1943 Tax	19.80
Motor Vehicle (Excise Tax)	8.44
	128,444.44
Less Transfers	2,612.00
Total Cash Payments	125,832.44
Cash on hand	52,101.49
Jan. 1, 1944	177,933.93

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD Balance Sheet — December 31, 1943 GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash,
Accounts Receivable:
Taxes:

Levy of 1942, \$ 6,345 83
Levy of 1943, 12,177 05

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:

Levy of 1943,

Timber Salvage Taxes:

Levy of 1940, \$ 1,109 33
Levy of 1941, 1,239 84
Levy of 1942, 1,239 84

Tax Titles,

Departmental:

Old Age Assistance, \$ 33 33
School, 171 00
Cemetery, 25 00

State Aid to Highways,

County Tax, Underestimate—1943.

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Federal Tax—

\$ 720 40

Pay-Roll Deductions,

State Parks and Reservations Tax

2 41

1943—Overestimate,

1,844 62

Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund,

1,260 00

Sale of Real Estate Fund,

25 44

Tax Title Sale Excess—

Chapter 60, Section 79,

Trust Fund Income:

George Morgan

Charity Fund, \$ 65 18

Elisha Alexander

Charity Fund, 40 56

Belcher Center School Fund, 105 55

Belcher Library Fund, 3 37

Dickinson Library

Book Fund, 2 64

Calvin Stearns

Cemetery Fund, 10 05

West Northfield

Cemetery Fund, 91 04

Road Machinery Fund,

318 39

7,480 81

Federal Grants:

Old Age Assistance:	\$	173 66
Assistance,		
Administration,		112 76
Aid to Dependent Children:		
Assistance,		117 91
Administration,		4 74
		409 07

Unexpended Balances:		
Planting Trees,	\$	121 34
Honor Roll,		201 00
Tailings,		322 34
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus,		14 73
Overlays Reserved for Abatements:		2,009 98

Levy of 1942,	\$	1,148 59
Levy of 1943,		1,604 66
		2,753 25

Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle		
Excise Tax,	\$	88 90
Tax Title,		1,187 08
Departmental,		229 33
State Aid to Highways,		161 49
Timber Salvage,		3,589 01
Surplus Revenue,		5,255 81
		54,363 60
		\$ 76,780 85

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DEBT ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt,

\$ 31,500 00

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

New School Building Loan,

\$ 31,500 00

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities:

In Custody of Treasurer,

\$ 41,071 40

In Custody of Selectmen,

2,323 00

In Custody of Trustees,

8,675 35

Elisha Alexander Charity Fund,

\$ 2,020 00

Martha W. Alexander Charity Fund,

8,675 35

Lottie Evans Charity Fund,

697 64

George F. Morgan Charity Fund,

3,000 00

Surplus Revenue School Fund,

1,600 00

Belcher Center School Fund,

1,250 00

Belcher Library Fund,

9,739 01

Charles P. Dickinson Library Fund,

3,000 00

West Northfield Cemetery Fund,

7,470 00

James W. Cowles Cemetery Fund,

2,000 00

Belcher Center Cemetery Fund,

2,000 00

Calvin Stearns Cemetery Fund,

500 00

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds:

In Custody of Treasurer,

9,814 75

In Custody of Selectmen,

303 00

\$ 52,069 75

\$ 52,069 75

FRED H. DOOLITTLE, Town Accountant

Report of the Town Clerk

1943

VITAL STATISTICS

It is extremely important that the **Vital Statistics** record be complete and correct. If any errors or omissions are discovered the Clerk will deem it a favor to have them reported at once so that corrections may be made.

As required by Chapter 46, Section 15, General Laws of Massachusetts:

Notice is hereby given that the Town Clerk will furnish blanks for returns of births to parents, householders, physicians, and registered hospital officers applying for the same.

Births in 1943

Date	Name	Parents
Jan. 7	Lombard, Kay Frances	George R. and Margaret G.
9	Stacey, John Wilfred	Owen and Emma H.
17	Repeta, Richard Joseph	Charles M. and Julia M.
20	Johnson, Shirley May	Harold L. and Anna L.
28	Janes, Frederick Dwight	Eben B. and Evangeline V.
Feb. 11	Starkey, Lian Leone	Lewis H. and Alice S.
16	Illegitimate	
24	Glazier, Ella Louise	Clayton H. and Rena C.
Mar. 7	Chudzik, Myrn John	John F. and Helen E.
15	Fish, Carolyn Ruth	Roy J. and Helen R.
Apr. 1	Williams, Carolyn Rose	Howard E. and Edith L.
2	Currier, Infant	William J. and Alice
15	Barnes, Robert Gerald	Gerald R. and Erna R.
29	Clough, Evelyn Florence	Richard W. and Dorothy
May 2	Gaida, Thomas Anthony	Stanley H. and Josephine J.
7	Bilings, Marsha Elaine	Warren M. and Alice N.
23	Walker, Richard James	William C. and Florence H.

June	11	Leach, Shirlye Elaine	William B. and Roselma M.
	12	White, Gussie Beatrice	Herman and Gussie L.
	19	Schryba, Stephen Daniel	Stephen and Mary E.
	28	Martin, Joyce Elaine	Leslie A. and Ruth H.
July	2	Lanphear, Dennis Leonard	Leonard N. and Velma E.
	15	Reed, Ralph Herbert, Jr.	Ralph Herbert and Doris K.
	19	Rogers, Charlotte Mae	Robert W. and Ethelyn V.
Aug.	20	Leach, Diane Elizabeth	Ralph K. and Virginia E.
Sept.	10	Shearer, Edward Douglas	Robert B. and Margaret A.
	27	Reed, Roger Burton	Francis B. and Eleanor M.
Oct.	2	Scott, Brian James	Alvin H. and Elizabeth A.
	4	Clough, Beatrice Irene	Dana P. and Doris
	14	Chamberlin, David Morris	Paul C. and Bertha M.
	19	Phelps, Jason True	John E. and Gladys
	25	Cullum, Mercy	Eugene S. and Clementine B.
		Cullum, Merry	Eugene S. and Clementine B.
Nov.	2	Moon, Idella Maxine	Rollin and Esther
	27	Hartwell, Shirley Mae	Robert H. and Ruth E.
Dec.	3	Lanphear, Loraine Jean	Floyd and Florence

Marriages in 1943

Date		Names	Residence	Place of Marriage
Feb.	6	Barszczeski, Andrew	Northfield	South Deerfield
		Luciw, Anna Napara		
Apr.	15	Paradis, Emile Armand	Lewiston, Me.	Northfield
		Bolton, June Marjorie	Northfield	
May	5	Swift, Frank Robinson	Buffalo, N. Y.	Northfield
		Munroe, Esther Helen	North Adams	
May	22	Allen, Robert Edward	Gill	Northfield
		Dawe, Lillian Frances	Northfield	
May	24	Haskell, Grant Ferdinand	Milford, N. H.	Northfield
		Gardner, Elizabeth Raymond	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	
June	5	Janes, Samuel Eben	Northfield	Greenfield
		Bousquet, Grace Mary	Greenfield	
	6	Dale, James Robert	Northfield	Millers Falls
		Sykes, Grace Ruth	Brownsville, Vt.	Montague
	20	Carey, Forest Leon	So. Newfane, Vt.	Northfield
		Strange, Katherine Isabelle	Northfield	

	26	Stone, Niles Emerson Fisher, Olive Mae	Northfield	Northfield
July	17	Goodwin, James Andrew Kehl, Shirley Elizabeth	Avalon, Pa. Northfield	Northfield
Sept.	3	Barfitt, Stanley Miller, Elizabeth Sarah	Providence, R. I. Northfield	Northfield
	7	Jeffery, Richard Putnam Chapin, Winifred Anne	Needham Northfield	Wellesley

Deaths in 1943

			Ages		
			Yrs.	Mo.	Days
Jan.	20	Bigelow, Fostene Amos	82	—	—
Mar.	28	Snow, Margaret Ann	1	5	—
Apr.	2	Currier, Infant	—	—	—
					1 hr.
	28	Stockbridge, Christiana C.	90	2	16
	29	Lyman, Ina Amidon	79	9	20
May	8	Eddy, Arthur Francis	48	5	8
	10	Thompson, Isabella Caroline	59	9	—
	15	Barszczeski, Andrew	50	9	—
	16	Horne, Lula Viola	86	5	11
June	3	Ruggles, Alfred W.	75	1	15
	10	Mattoon, Gertrude Cora	86	6	1
	17	Wright, Allen Henry	65	3	15
	17	Bowman, Johanna Pigott	87	—	—
July	1	Whitney, Florence Ingram	63	2	10
	21	Rogers, Charlotte Mae	—	—	1
					4 hrs.
	27	Nye, Mary Long	76	3	22
	28	Nichols, William Franklin	85	2	21
Aug.	14	Dayton, Mary Elizabeth	73	11	16
Sept.	15	Champigny, Arthur	54	9	1
	25	Aldrich, Charles Seamore	79	5	20
	29	Page, Margaret Ellen	59	4	2
Oct.	17	Anderson, Neill	70	—	—
	28	Mattoon, Anna Belinda	82	1	8
	31	Ross, Ruth D. Clark	50	5	2

Nov.	2	Moon, Idella Maxine	—	—	—
			6 hrs., 30 min.		
	2	Kendrick, Frank	73	7	1
	11	Starkey, Leon Albert	62	3	8
	20	Read, Herbert C.	85	10	29
Dec.	5	Clark, Jennie Joslin	79	—	23
	16	Bardwell, Mary Allen Mason	78	2	19
	20	Westrich, Albert A.	79	—	—

Dog Licenses Issued in 1943

Male Dogs	150
Female (Spayed)	62
Female	37
Total Licenses Issued	249

Sporting Licenses Issued in 1943

Resident Fishing	76
Resident Hunting	98
Resident Trapping	4
Resident Combination	77
Resident Combination (Free)	25
Resident Women's and Minor's Fishing	41
Special Fishing	3
Non-Resident Hunting	4
Non-Resident Fishing	10
Non-Resident Fishing (Minor)	0
Duplicates	3
Non-Resident Military or Naval Service Sporting	1
Resident Military or Naval Service Sporting (Free)	6
Resident Old Age Assistance Fishing (Free)	0
Total	348

JOSEPHINE S. HASKELL, Town Clerk

Jury List 1943

LIST OF NAMES TO BE DRAWN FOR JURY DUTY

Anderson, Albert J.
Barber, Luman A.
Barrows, Roy A.
Billings, Glenn C.
Bolton, Clifford L.
Briesmaster, Frederick H.
Brown, John K.
Buffum, Gordon C.
Carr, George W.
Cembalisty, Albert
Clark, Ernest A.
Dalton, William H.
Dunnell, Leon H.
Fisher, Hermon B.
Forsaith, Ralph M.
Gibson, Ralph V.
Gingras, Harry L.
Greenwood, Roger M.
Hammond, Laurence M.
Johnson, Charles L.
Lanphaer, Leonard N.
Lawrence, Charles
Lilly, Earl
Mayberry, Paul M.
McEwan, George
Moody, A. Gordon
Pefferle, George H.
Powell, Edward M.
Reed, Francis B.
Shearer, Robert B.
Smoley, Stanley J.
Ware, Verne C.
Williams, Dean W.

Copy of the Votes Taken on the Articles in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting, February 1, 1943

Article 1 Voted: To accept all reports as printed, and the supplementary report of the Northfield History Committee as read.

Article 2. Voted and chose by ballot all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year with the following results:

Town Clerk, 1 year—Josephine S. Haskell	91
Town Treasurer, 1 year—Charles F. Slate	90
Selectmen, 1 year—George W. Carr	88
F. Myron Dunnell	89
Fred A. Holton	91
Assessor, 3 years—Fred S. Merrifield	91
Moderator, 1 year—William F. Hoehn	90
School Committee member, 3 years—Sidney H. Given	90
Cemetery Commissioner, 3 years—Carlton W. Holton	91
Two Library Trustees, 3 years—Mary G. Parker	93
Samuel E. Walker	89
Tree Warden, 1 year—Dean W. Williams	95
Tax Collector, 1 year—Charles F. Slate	91
Constables at large, 1 year—Harry M. Haskell	91
Herman A. Miner	89
Martin E. Vorce	90
Constable—resident Northfield Farms—	
Murray M. Hammond	92

Article 3. Voted: To authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1943, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew such note or notes as may be given, for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws; any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1943.

Article 4. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$50. for the use of the Library at Northfield Farms.

Article 5. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$75. to be used by the Tree Warden in the care and preservation of shade trees.

Article 6. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,971.56 for lighting the streets.

Article 7. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$75. for tools for highway work.

Article 8. Voted: To raise and appropriate to defray town charges for the ensuing year, the following sums:

For Schools	\$ 37,000 00
Treasurer—Salary	600 00
Expense	100 00
Bridges	675 00
Soldiers' Relief	1,200 00
Alexander Hall	150 00
Inspection of Animals	125 00
Fire Department	1,700 00
Maintenance Water Holes	100 00
Department Public Welfare	5,000 00
Aid to Dependent Children	1,000 00
Town Clerk—Salary	250 00
Expense	25 00
Selectmen—Salary	\$600 00
Expenses	100 00
Road Machinery Fund—transfer from Machinery Account	1,800 00
Old Age Assistance—transfer from Surplus Revenue	8,000 00
Old Age Assistance	8,000 00
Public Welfare Clerk	150 00
School Committee—Salary	150 00
Inspection Meat and Slaughtering	150 00
Elections	350 00
Fire and Casualty Insurance	1,300 00

Sealer of Weights and Measures	150 00
Accountant—Salary	600 00
Expenses	35 00
Assessors—Salary	650 00
Expenses	75 00
Town Hall Care	1,600 00
Public Health	250 00
Interest Account	650 00
Moderator and Counsel	250 00
Town Clock and Fountain	120 00
Towns Reports and Assessors'	
Valuation Books	550 00
Bonds and Damages	400 00
Snow Removal and Sanding	3,000 00

Article 9. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for salary and \$100 for expenses for Tax Collector.

Article 10. Voted To empower the Selectmen to defend the town in any suit brought against the town.

Article 11. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$810.00 to be used in the extermination of the gypsy moth.

Article 12. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,400.00 for salary and \$50.00 for expenses for a community nurse.

Article 13. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to be used in putting up railing.

Article 14. Voted: To appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$4,500.00 to pay the note due on the new grade school building debt.

Article 15. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the care and preservation of cemeteries.

Article 16. Voted: To authorize the Selectmen to enter into contract with the Board of Public Works, Division of Highways, for repair and improvement of roads and highways, exclusive of state highways and raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,875.00 for that purpose.

Article 17. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,800.00 which shall include the dog refund, for the maintenance of Dickinson Memorial Library.

Article 18. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to co-operate with the State and County in maintaining Chapter 90 roads.

Article 19. Voted: To raise and appropriate \$125.00 for Memorial Day Exercises to be expended under the direction of the American Legion.

Article 20. Voted: To appoint Allen H. Wright, M.D., to serve as Park Commissioner for one year without pay, to have charge of the Athletic Field and Playgrounds, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$125.00 for that purpose.

Article 21. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$180.00 to paint the town fire house.

Article 22. Voted: To authorize the Selectmen to appoint one of their members a clerk for the Aid to Dependent Children and Old Age Assistance with a salary of \$300.00 and to raise and appropriate that sum for that purpose, in accordance with Section 4A, General Laws.

Article 23. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for Constables' pay.

Article 24. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for Hydrant Service for 15 hydrants, to be paid to the Northfield Water Company, for water supplying the hydrants for fire protection. Counted voted; Yes 18, No 12.

Article 25. Voted: To appropriate from Overlay Reserve Fund the sum of \$1,900.00 for a reserve fund for the current year.

Article 26. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 to build a roadway entering the school grounds north of the High School, passing west of both buildings and leaving the school grounds south of the Center School, and to complete filling and grading the area south of the Center School where the playground apparatus is to be erected.

Article 27. Voted: To accept from the American Youth Hostels, Inc., the sum of \$150.00; the same to be added by the Assessors to estimated receipts and available funds when setting the tax rate.

Article 28. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 to meet foreclosure costs on tax titles.

Article 29. Voted: To accept the sum of \$100.00 the interest to be used for the perpetual care of the Charles C. Morgan lot in Northfield Farms Cemetery.

Article 30. Voted: To accept the sum of \$150.00 to be placed in a Savings Bank, and the interest expended for the care of the Clinton A. Ware lot in Center Cemetery.

Article 31. Voted: To accept the sum of \$100.00 the interest to be used for the perpetual care of the L. Lorimer Drury lot in Mount Hermon Cemetery.

Article 32. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 to cover the doors and windows of the West Northfield school house.

Article 33. Voted: To authorized the Selectmen to sell real estate acquired on tax title of Fred W. Burnham, Elizabeth Campbell and Crocker National Bank, Dr. Milton Rees, and Lewis Hastings' Heirs.

Article 34. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 for Forest Patrol.

Article 35. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for defense purposes in connection with the Massachusetts Committee on Public Safety.

The motion was made and carried that a vote of thanks be extended to the Town Officers for efficient service during the past year.

At the close of the polls ninety-six persons had voted.

Attest:

JOSEPHINE S. HASKELL,

Town Clerk

**Copy of the Votes Taken on the Articles in the Warrant for
the Special Town Meeting, May 25, 1943.**

Article 1. Voted: To transfer from Excess and Deficiency Account the sum of \$2000.00 to be used to convert the oil burning equipment of the Center School to a coal burning equipment.

Article 2. Voted: That the Board of Selectmen be instructed to appoint a committee of three to investigate the hydrant service by the Northfield Water Company and report back at the Annual Town Meeting.

Committee named, Samuel E. Walker, Ross L. Spencer, Willis K. Parker.

Attest:

JOSEPHINE S. HASKELL,

Town Clerk

**Copy of the Votes Taken on the Articles in the Warrant for
the Special Town Meeting, November 23, 1943.**

Article 1. Voted: That the town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars from the Excess and Deficiency Account to erect and maintain a temporary Northfield Honor Roll, same to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

Article 2. Voted: To authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee not to exceed five members for the erection and maintenance of the temporary Northfield Honor Roll.

Committee named, Frank W. Pearsall, Ross L. Spencer, Mrs. Leon A. Randall, Luckey O. Clapp, Stanley Payson. •

Article 3. Voted: To transfer from the Chapter 81 Road appropriation to Snow Removal Account the sum of \$812.00.

Attest:

JOSEPHINE S. HASKELL,

Town Clerk

Report of State Auditor

January 18, 1944

To the Board of Selectmen
Mr. Fred A. Holton, Chairman
Northfield, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Northfield for the year ending December 31, 1943, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL

Director of Accounts

TNW:FC

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell
Directors of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston
Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Northfield for the year ending December 31, 1943, and submit the following report thereon:

The records of financial transactions of the several departments receiving or disbursing town funds or sending out bills for collection were examined and checked in detail.

The surety bonds of the treasurer, tax collector, deputy collector, and town clerk for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

The receipts for licenses granted by the selectmen and issued by the town clerk were checked with the record of licenses granted and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The books and accounts of the town accountant were examined and checked in detail. The receipts as recorded were compared with the treasurer's books, while the recorded payments were checked with the treasury warrants and the treasurer's record of disbursements. The appropriation accounts as recorded on the ledger were checked with the town meeting records of the town clerk, the transfers from the reserve fund were compared with the authorizations of the finance committee, and all other accounts were checked with information in the departments in which the transactions originated. The ledger was analyzed, a trial balance was taken off, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on December 31, 1943.

The balance sheet shows that the town is in excellent financial condition.

The books and accounts of the treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The recorded receipts were analyzed and compared with the records of the departments collecting money for the town and with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury. The payments were checked with the warrants authorizing the disbursement of town funds and with the town accountant's books.

The cash book additions were verified, and the cash balance on December 31, 1943, was proved by actual count of the cash in the office and by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement received from the bank of deposit.

The records of pay-roll deductions on account of federal taxes were examined and checked. The payments to the Collector of Internal Revenue were verified, and the amounts on hand to the credit of the town employees were listed and proved to the card record in the town accountant's office and to the town accountant's ledger accounts.

The records of charges for the use of town-owned highway equipment were checked with the pay-rolls of the highway department. The recorded collections were listed and checked and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The payments on account of debt and interest were checked with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled notes on file.

The tax title records in the custody of the treasurer were examined and checked with the accounts of the tax collector, town accountant, and with the deeds on file.

The records pertaining to tax possessions held by the town were checked, the payments to the treasurer being verified and the outstanding accounts being listed and proved.

The savings bank books and securities representing the investment of trust funds in the custody of the treasurer and selectmen were examined and listed. The new bequests were checked, the income was proved, the withdrawals were verified, and the sales and purchases of securities were checked.

It was noted that the appropriation for the protection of trust fund investments, which has been held over for several years, has been closed out, due to the fact that the securities of the Belcher Center School Fund and the Belcher Library Fund have been sold and the mortgage representing the investment of the Belcher Center Cemetery Fund is considered worthless. It is recommended that action be taken to restore the funds to their original principal.

The receipts of the town clerk for dog and sporting licenses were checked with the record of licenses issued. The payments to the Division of Fisheries and Game and to the town treasurer were verified, and the cash on hand January 3, 1944, was proved by actual count.

The records of the health department were checked and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked in detail. The tax accounts outstanding

according to the previous examination and all subsequent commitment lists of taxes and motor vehicle excise taxes were audited and reconciled with the assessors' warrants committing them for collection. The collections as recorded on the cash books were checked, the payments to the treasurer were verified, the abatements were checked to the assessors' record of abatements granted, and the taxes transferred to the tax title account were verified. The outstanding accounts were listed and proved to the town accountant's ledger accounts.

Verification of the outstanding accounts was made by sending notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received it appears that the outstanding accounts, as listed, are correct.

The recorded receipts of the sealer of weights and measures were checked with the record of work done and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The records of the Dickinson Library for the collection of fines were examined and checked. The payments to the treasurer were verified and the cash on hand January 10, 1944, was proved by actual count.

The recorded receipts from town hall rents were checked and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The appropriations were listed from the town clerk's record of town meetings and the amounts voted were compared with the aggregate appropriations raised by the assessors in the computation of the tax rate for 1943.

The books and accounts of the trustees of the Martha W. Alexander Charity Fund were examined and checked. The savings bank books representing the investments of the fund were listed, the income was proved and the withdrawals were verified. The payments as recorded were compared with the cancelled checks on file, and the cash balance was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement received from the bank of deposit.

The records of accounts receivable of the public welfare and school departments were examined and checked. The charges were verified, the collections were checked, the payments to the treasurer were verified, the abatements and disallowances were compared with the departmental records, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved to the town accountant's ledger accounts.

It was noted that the outstanding accounts of the school department represent 1942 and 1943 transportation charges for out-of-town pupils. It is recommended that action be taken to collect these bills, but if they are found to be uncollectable, they should be written off.

The records of the cemetery commissioners for the sale of lots were examined and checked. The sales of lots were checked to the deed record book and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The several departmental officials are to be commended for the care and accuracy with which their accounts have been kept, thereby facilitating the work of the audit.

Appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, are tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax and departmental accounts, as well as tables showing the transactions and condition of the trust funds.

For the cooperation received from the several town officials while engaged in making the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE.

Assistant Director of Accounts

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RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Balance, January 1, 1943, per
previous audit \$ 36,182 39

Receipts 1943:

Per cash book,	\$141,751 54	
Not on cash book—		
Cemetery per-		
petual care fund,	100 00	
		141,851 54
		\$178,033 93

Payments 1943:

Per warrants,	\$125,832 44	
Not on warrant—		
Cemetery per-		
petual care fund,	100 00	
		\$125,932 44

Balance December 31,
1943:

Franklin Co.		
Trust Co.	\$ 50,741 49	
Cash in office,		
verified,	1,360 00	
		52,101 49
		\$178,033 93

Franklin County Trust Company of Greenfield

Balance December 31, 1943,
per statement, \$ 57,791 77

Balance December 31, 1943,
per check book, \$ 50,741 49

Outstanding checks December 31,
1943, per list, 7,050 28

		\$ 57,791 77
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Federal Tax Pay-Roll Deductions

Pay-roll deductions 1943:

Victory tax,	\$ 456 20	
Withholding tax,	1,029 30	
		\$ 1,485 50

Payments to collector of internal
revenue 1943,

	\$ 765 10	
Balance December 31, 1943,	720 40	
		\$ 1,485 50

TAXES—1940

Outstanding January 1, 1943, per
previous audit,

\$ 156 05

Overpayment by collector,
refunded,

40

\$ 156 45

Payments to treasurer 1943,

\$ 134 35

Abatements 1943,

22 10

\$ 156 45

TAXES—1941

Outstanding January 1, 1943,
per previous audit,

\$ 7,454 88

Abatement after payment,
refunded,

2 00

\$ 7,456 88

Payments to treasurer 1943,

\$ 6,924 67

Abatements 1943,

24 70

Tax titles taken 1943,

507 30

Audit adjustment—

Taxes reported as interest,

21

\$ 7,456 88

TAXES—1942

Outstanding January 1, 1943,		
per previous audit,	\$ 17,416 09	
Overpayment to collector,		
adjusted,	08	
		\$ 17,416 17
Payments to treasurer,	\$ 10,952 72	
Abatements,	26 23	
Tax titles taken,	\$ 20 90	
Added to tax titles,	70 49	
		91 39
Outstanding December 31, 1943,		
per list,	6,345 83	
		\$ 17,416 17

TAXES—1943

Commitment per warrants,	\$ 68,962 49	
Additional commitment per		
warrants,	28 60	
Abatement after payment,		
refunded,	19 80	
		\$ 69,010 89
Payments to treasurer,	\$ 55,203 28	
Abatements,	1,139 88	
Added to tax titles,	490 68	
Outstanding December 31, 1943,		
per list,	12,174 05	
Cash on hand December 31, 1943,	3 00	
		\$ 69,010 89

TIMBER SALVAGE TAXES

Outstanding January 1, 1943,		
per previous audit:		
Levy of 1940,	\$ 1,109 33	
Levy of 1941,	1,239 84	
Levy of 1942,	1,239 84	
		\$ 3,589 01
Outstanding December 31, 1943,		
per list,		\$ 3,589 01

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1941

Abatement after payment, refunded 1943,	\$	2 95
Abatement after payment, to be refunded per previous audit,	_____ \$	2 95

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1942

Outstanding January 1, 1943, per previous audit,	\$	44 88	
Additional commitment per warrants,		26 00	
		_____	\$ 70 88
Payments to treasurer 1943,	\$	68 88	
Motor vehicle excise taxes 1942 reported as motor vehicle excise taxes 1943,		2 00	
		_____	\$ 70 88

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1943

Commitment per warrants,	\$	3,596 19	
Abatement after payment, refunded,		5 99	
Motor vehicle excise taxes 1942 reported as motor vehicle excise taxes 1943,		2 00	
		_____	\$ 3,604 18
Payments to treasurer,	\$	3,459 44	
Abatements,		55 84	
Outstanding December 31, 1943, per list,		88 90	
		_____	\$ 3,604 18

INTEREST AND COSTS ON TAXES

Collections 1943:

Interest:

Taxes:

Levy of 1940,	\$	15 64	
Levy of 1941,		467 04	
Levy of 1942,		268 25	
Levy of 1943,		20 50	
		_____	\$ 771 43

Motor vehicle excise taxes:

Levy of 1942,	\$	91	
Levy of 1943,		2 06	
			2 97

Costs:

Taxes:

Levy of 1940,	\$	70	
Levy of 1941,		21 83	
Levy of 1942,		15 75	
Levy of 1943,		1 75	
			40 03

Motor vehicle excise taxes:

Levy of 1942,	\$	2 45	
Levy of 1943,		7 15	
			9 60

Taxes 1941 reported as interest,	21	
		\$ 824 24

Payments to treasurer, 1943:

Interest,	\$	774 61	
Costs,		49 63	
			\$ 824 24

TAX TITLES

Balance January 1, 1943,		
per previous audit,	\$	49 71

Tax titles taken:

Taxes 1941,	\$	507 30	
Taxes 1942,		20 90	
			528 20

Added to tax titles:

Taxes 1942,	\$	70 49	
Taxes 1943,		490 68	
			561 17

Interest and costs,	74 56	
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Tax title sale excess		
in book value,	25 44	
		\$ 1,239 08

Tax title sold,	\$	52 00	
Balance December 31, 1943,			
per list,		1,187 08	
			\$ 1,239 08

TAX POSSESSIONS

Balance January 1, 1943,			
per previous audit,	\$	444 72	
Sale in excess of tax			
title value,		72 94	
			\$ 517 66
Sale of tax possessions,	\$	100 00	
Balance December 31, 1943,			
per list,		417 66	
			\$ 517 66

SELECTMEN'S LICENSES

Issued by Town Clerk

Licenses issued 1943:			
Pistol,	\$	8 00	
Milk,		3 00	
Oleomargarine,		1 50	
Common victualler,		5 00	
Innholder,		6 00	
Auctioneer,		2 00	
Junk,		4 00	
Gasoline registrations,		24 00	
			\$ 53 50
Payments to treasurer 1943,			\$ 53 50

TOWN CLERK

Dog Licenses

Licenses issued 1943:			
Males,	150 @ \$2 00	\$	300 00
Females,	37 @ 5 00		185 00
Spayed females,	61 @ 2 00		122 00
			\$ 607 00
Overpayment to treasurer,			
to be adjusted,		1 80	
			\$ 608 80

Payments to treasurer 1943,	\$	559 20	
Fees retained 1943, 248 @ \$.20		49 60	
			\$ 608 80

Sporting Licenses

Licenses issued 1943:

Resident citizens'			
fishing,	76 @ \$2 00	\$	152 00
Resident citizens'			
hunting,	98 @ 2 00		196 00
Resident citizens'			
sporting,	77 @ 3 25		250 25
Resident citizen minors'			
and females'			
fishing,	41 @ 1 25		51 25
Special non-resident			
citizens' fishing,	3 @ 1 50		4 50
Non-resident citizens'			
fishing,	10 @ 5 25		52 50
Non-resident citizens'			
hunting,	4 @ 10 25		41 00
Resident citizen's			
trapping,	4 @ 5 25		21 00
Military or Naval,	1 @ 2 00		2 00
Duplicate,	3 @ 50		1 50
			\$ 772 00
Payments to Division of			
Fisheries and Game 1943,	\$	693 50	
Fees retained 1943, 314 @ \$ 25		78 50	
			\$ 772 00

Licenses issued January 1 to 3, 1944:

Resident citizen's			
fishing,	1 @ \$2.00	\$	2 00
Resident citizen's			
hunting,	1 @ 2 00		2 00
Resident citizens'			
sporting,	5 @ 3 25		16 25
			\$ 20 25

Fees retained		
January 1 to 3, 1944, 7 @ \$ 25	\$	1 75
Cash on hand January		
3, 1944, verified,		18 50
	————— \$	20 25

TOWN HISTORIES

Collections 1943—		
Sale of books, 2 @ \$5 00	\$	10 00
Payments to treasurer 1943,	\$	10 00

TOWN HALL RENTALS

Collections 1943,	\$	51 00
Payments to treasurer 1943,	\$	51 00

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Outstanding January 1, 1943,		
per previous audit,	\$	1 24
Fees,		48 30
	————— \$	49 54
Payments to treasurer,	\$	49 44
Cash on hand December 31, 1943,		10
	————— \$	49 54

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Licenses

Licenses issued 1943—		
Pasteurization, 2 @ \$10 00	\$	20 00
Payments to treasurer 1943,	\$	20 00

Community Nurse

Fees collected 1943,	\$	182 90
Payments to treasurer 1943,	\$	182 90

PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Temporary Aid

Accounts Receivable

Charges 1943,	\$	626 57
Payments to treasurer 1943,	\$	535 06

Audit adjustments:

Public welfare accounts
receivable entered as
estimated
receipts, \$ 36 00

Abatements and dis-
allowances not
reported, 55 51

91 51

————— \$ 626 57

Aid to Dependent Children

Accounts Receivable

Charges 1943, \$ 671 47

Payments to treasurer 1943, \$ 671 47

BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Accounts Receivable

Outstanding January 1, 1943,
per previous audit, \$ 123 67

Charges, 10,604 22

————— \$ 10,727 89

Payments to treasurer, \$ 10,694 56

Outstanding December 31, 1943,
per list, 33 33

————— \$ 10,727 89

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Accounts Receivable

Outstanding January 1, 1943,
per previous audit, \$ 141 60

Charges, 503 50

————— \$ 645 10

Payments to treasurer, \$ 474 10

Outstanding December 31, 1943,
per list, 171 00

————— \$ 645 10

LIBRARY

Cash on hand January 1, 1943,			
per previous audit,	\$	13 38	
Fines,		60 86	
			\$ 74 24
Payments to treasurer,	\$	71 00	
Cash on hand December 31, 1943,		3 24	
			\$ 74 24
Cash on hand January 1, 1944,	\$	3 24	
Fines January 1 to 10, 1944,		2 46	
			\$ 5 70
Cash on hand January 10, 1944, verified,	\$		5 70

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Outstanding January 1, 1943,			
per previous audit,	\$	50 00	
Charges 1943:			
Sale of cemetery lots,		115 00	
Receipts 1943:			
Perpetual care income,		4 06	
			\$ 169 06
Payments to treasurer 1943:			
Sale of cemetery lots,	\$	140 00	
Expenditures by commissioners:			
Care of lot,		4 06	
Outstanding December 31, 1943,			
per list,		25 00	
			\$ 169 06

ELISHA ALEXANDER CHARITY FUND

In Custody of Selectmen

		Savings		
		Deposits		Total
On hand at beginning of year 1943,	\$	1,996 53	\$	1,996 53
On hand at end of year 1943,	\$	2,020 00	\$	2,020 00

1943

Receipts:

Income,	\$	80 48
	\$	80 48

Payments:

Added to savings deposits,	\$	23 47
Transfer to town,		57 01
	\$	80 48

MARTHA W. ALEXANDER CHARITY FUND**In Custody of Trustee**

	Cash	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1943,	\$ 167 92	\$ 8,525 00	\$ 8,692 92
On hand at end of year 1943,	\$ 150 35	\$ 8,525 00	\$ 8,675 35

1943

Receipts:

Income,	\$	168 83
Cash on hand January 1, 1943,		167 92
	\$	336 75

Payments:

Aid to poor,	\$	185 00
Bank charges,		1 40
Cash on hand December 31, 1943,		150 35
	\$	336 75

LOTTIE EVANS CHARITY FUND**In Custody of Treasurer**

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1943,	\$ 683 91	\$ 683 91
On hand at end of year 1943,	\$ 697 64	\$ 697 64

1943

Receipts:		
Income,	\$	13 73
Payments:		
Added to savings deposits,	\$	13 73

GEORGE F. MORGAN CHARITY FUND**In Custody of Treasurer**

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1943,	\$ 3,000 00	\$ 3,000 00
On hand at end of year 1943,	\$ 3,000 00	\$ 3,000 00

1943

Receipts:		
Income,	\$	60 30
Payments:		
Transfer to town,	\$	60 30

SURPLUS REVENUE SCHOOL FUND**In Custody of Treasurer**

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1943,	\$ 1,600 00	\$ 1,600 00
On hand at end of year 1943,	\$ 1,600 00	\$ 1,600 00

1943

Receipts:		
Income,	\$	32 16
Payments:		
Transfer to town,	\$	32 16

BELCHER CENTER SCHOOL FUND**In Custody of Treasurer**

	Savings Deposits	Securities Par Value	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1943,	\$ 1,000 00	\$ 1,000 00	\$ 2,000 00
On hand at end of year 1943,	\$ 1,050 00	\$ 200 00	\$ 1,250 00

1943

Receipts:

Sale of securities,	\$ 1,000 00	
Income,	20 10	
		\$ 1,020 10

Payments:

Added to savings deposits,	\$ 50 00	
Purchase of securities,	200 00	
Loss on sale of securities,	750 00	
Transfer to town,	20 10	
		\$ 1,020 10

BELCHER LIBRARY FUND**In Custody of Treasurer**

	Savings Deposits	Securities Par Value	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1943,	\$ 9,272 08	\$ 900 00	\$ 10,172 08
On hand at end of year 1943,	\$ 9,439 01	\$ 300 00	\$ 9,739 01

1943

Receipts:

Sale of securities,	\$ 900 00	
Income,	186 31	
		\$ 1,086 31

Payments:

Added to savings deposits,	\$ 166 93	
Purchase of securities,	300 00	
Loss on sale of securities	433 407	
Transfer to town,	186 31	
		\$ 1,086 31

CHARLES P. DICKINSON LIBRARY FUND**In Custody of Treasurer**

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1943,	\$ 3,000 00	\$ 3,000 00
On hand at end of year 1943,	\$ 3,000 00	\$ 3,000 00

1943

Receipts:		
Income,	\$	60 30
Payments:		
Transfer to town,	\$	60 30

WEST NORTHFIELD CEMETERY FUND
In Custody of Treasurer

	Savings Deposits	Securities Par Value	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1943,	\$ 3,470 00	\$ 4,000 00	\$ 7,470 00
On hand at end of year 1943,	\$ 3,470 00	\$ 4,000 00	\$ 7,470 00

1943

Receipts:		
Income	\$	239 74
Payments:		
Transfer to town,	\$	239 74

J. W. COWLES CEMETERY FUND
In Custody of Treasurer

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1943,	\$ 2,000 00	\$ 2,000 00
On hand at end of year 1943,	\$ 2,000 00	\$ 2,000 00

1943

Receipts:		
Income,	\$	40 20
Payments:		
Transfer to town,	\$	40 20

BELCHER CENTER CEMETERY FUND
In Custody of Treasurer

	Savings Deposits	Securities Par Value	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1943,	\$ 1,000 00	\$ 1,000 00	\$ 2,000 00
On hand at end of year 1943,	\$ 1,000 00	\$ 1,000 00	\$ 2,000 00

1943

Receipts:

Income,	\$	20 10
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Payments:

Transfer to town,	\$	20 10
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CALVIN STEARNS CEMETERY FUND

In Custody of Treasurer

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1943	_____	_____
On hand at end of year 1943,	\$ 500 00	\$ 500 00

1943

Receipts:

Transfer from cemetery perpetual care funds..	\$ 500 00	
Income,	10 05	
	_____	\$ 510 05

Payments:

Deposited in savings bank,	\$ 500 00	
Transfer to town,	10 05	
	_____	\$ 510 05

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

In Custody of Treasurer

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1943,	\$ 9,764 75	\$ 9,764 75
On hand at end of year 1943,	\$ 9,814 75	\$ 9,814 75

1943

Receipts:

Bequests,	\$	550 00	
Income,		191 63	
			\$ 741 63

Payments:

Added to savings deposits,	\$	50 00	
Transfer to Calvin Stearns			
Fund,		500 00	
Transfer to town,		191 63	
			\$ 741 63

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS**In Custody of Selectmen**

		Savings Deposits		Total
On hand at beginning of year 1943,	\$	315 52	\$	315 52
On hand at end of year 1943,	\$	303 00	\$	303 00

1943

Receipts:

Withdrawn from savings			
deposits,	\$	12 52	
Income,		12 52	
			\$ 25 04

Payments:

Transfer to town,	\$	25 04	
			\$ 25 04

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD

Balance Sheet — December 31, 1943

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	
Cash,	\$ 52,101 49	Federal Tax—	\$ 720 40
Accounts Receivable:		Pay-Roll Deductions,	
Taxes:		State Parks and Reservations Tax	
Levy of 1942,	\$ 6,345 83	1943—Overestimate,	2 41
Levy of 1943,	12,177 05	Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund,	1,844 62
		Sale of Real Estate Fund,	1,260 00
		Tax Title Sale Excess—	
		Chapter 60, Section 79,	25 44
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:		Trust Fund Income:	
Levy of 1943,	88 90	George Morgan	
Timber Salvage Taxes:		Charity Fund,	\$ 65 18
Levy of 1940,	\$ 1,109 33	Elisha Alexander	
Levy of 1941,	1,239 84	Charity Fund,	40 56
Levy of 1942,	1,239 84	Belcher Center School Fund,	105 55
		Belcher Library Fund,	3 37
Tax Titles,		Dickinson Library	
		Book Fund,	2 64
Departmental:		Calvin Stearns	
Old Age Assistance, \$	33 33	Cemetery Fund,	10 05
School,	171 00	West Northfield	
Cemetery,	25 00	Cemetery Fund,	91 04
State Aid to Highways,	229 33		
County Tax, Underestimate—1943,	161 49		
	900 67	Road Machinery Fund,	318 39
			7,480 81

Federal Grants:

Old Age Assistance:

Assistance,	\$	173 66
Administration,		112 76
Aid to Dependent Children:		
Assistance,		117 91
Administration,		4 74
		409 07

Unexpended Balances:

Planting Trees,	\$	121 34
Honor Roll,		201 00
		322 34

Tailings,

Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus,

Overlays Reserved for Abatements:

Levy of 1942,	\$	1,148 59
Levy of 1943,		1,604 66
		2,753 25

Revenue Reserved Until Collected:

Motor Vehicle		
Excise Tax,	\$	88 90
Tax Title,		1,187 08
Departmental,		229 33
State Aid to Highways,		161 49
Timber Salvage,		3,589 01
		5,255 81

Surplus Revenue,

5,255 81

54,363 60

\$ 76,780 85

\$ 76,780 85

DEBT ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt,

\$ 31,500 00

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

New School Building Loan,

\$ 31,500 00

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities:

In Custody of Treasurer,

\$ 41,071 40

In Custody of Selectmen,

2,323 00

In Custody of Trustees,

8,675 35

Elisha Alexander Charity Fund,

\$ 2,020 00

Martha W. Alexander Charity Fund,

8,675 35

Lottie Evans Charity Fund,

697 64

George F. Morgan Charity Fund,

3,000 00

Surplus Revenue School Fund,

1,600 00

Belcher Center School Fund,

1,250 00

Belcher Library Fund,

9,739 01

Charles P. Dickinson Library Fund,

3,000 00

West Northfield Cemetery Fund,

7,470 00

James W. Cowles Cemetery Fund,

2,000 00

Belcher Center Cemetery Fund,

2,000 00

Calvin Stearns Cemetery Fund,

500 00.

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds:

In Custody of Treasurer,

9,814 75

In Custody of Selectmen,

303 00

\$ 52,069 75

\$ 52,069 75

Town Warrant

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, ss.

To either of the Constables of the **Town of Northfield** in the County of Franklin. Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town, on February seventh, 1944 at ten o'clock in the morning, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and act thereon.

Article 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the coming year, the following to be on one ballot: Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, three Selectmen for one year; one Assessor for three years, Town Moderator for one year, two Library Trustees for three years, one School Committee member for three years, one Cemetery Commissioner for three years, one Cemetery Commissioner for one year, Tree Warden for one year, Tax Collector for one year, three Constables for one year, one Constable for one year, a resident of Northfield Farms. The polls may close at FIVE O'CLOCK P. M.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1944 and to issue a note or note therefor, payable within one year, and to renew such note or notes as may be given

for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws: Any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1944 and raise and appropriate a sum of money for same.

Article 4. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of \$50 for the use of the Library at Northfield Farms or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$50.

Article 5. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used by the Tree Warden in the care and preservation of shade trees or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$75.

Article 6. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for lighting the streets, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$2971.56.

Article 7. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for tools for highway work, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$100.

Article 8. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend the following appropriations:

Schools	\$37,500	Fire Department	1700
Treasurer	600	Maintenance Water	
Treasurer's Expense	100	Holes	100
Bridges	600	Dept. Public Welfare	5000
Soldier's Relief	1200	Aid to Dependent	
Alexander Hall	150	Children	1000
Inspection Animals	125	Town Clerk	250

Town Clerk's Expense	40	Elections	500
Selectmen's Salary	600	Fire and Casualty	
Selectmen's Expense	100	Insurance	1200
Road Machinery		Sealer	150
Fund	1800	Accountant's Salary	600
(Transfer from		Accountant's Expense	35
Machinery Account)		Assessors	600
Old Age		Assessors' Expense	50
Assistance	16,000	Town Hall Care	1600
(Transfer \$8,000		Public Health	250
from Surplus		Interest Account	600
Revenue)		Moderator and	
Public Welfare		Counsel	250
Clerk	150	Town Clock and	
School Committee		Fountain	120
Salary	\$150	Town Reports	300
Inspection of Meat		Bonds and Damages	400
and Slaughtering	150	Snow Removal	3500

Article 9. To determine the salary of the Tax Collector, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$400; Expense \$100.

Article 10. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$2500 for the maintenance of Dickinson Memorial Library, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$2500.

Article 11. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in the extermination of the Gypsy Moth, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$825.

Article 12. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expense of a Community Nurse, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$1400; Expense \$50.

Article 13. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in putting up railing, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$300.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay note due on the new Grade School building debt or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend \$4500.

(Transfer from Surplus Revenue).

Article 15. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care and preservation of cemeteries, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$600.

Article 16. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to enter into contract with the Board of Public Works, Division of Highways, for repair and improvement of roads and highways, exclusive of State Highways and raise and appropriate a sum of money for that purpose, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$4063.

Article 17. To see if the town will empower the Selectmen to defend the town in any suit brought against the town, or act thereon.

Article 18. To see if the town will raise and appropriate any sum of money to cooperate with the State and County in maintaining our Chapter 90 roads, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend \$500.

Article 19. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day exercises, the same to be expended under the direction of the American Legion, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$125.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to elect or appoint a Park Commissioner to have charge of the Athletic fields and playgrounds in the town, to serve one year without pay and to see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care of the Athletic Field.

The Finance Committee recommend \$125.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to close and clean up the dump near the F. A. Davis place, and arrange for a new dump according to suggestions of Mr. Davis, and raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in connection with same, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend \$200.

Article 22. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint one of their members as clerk for the Aid to Dependent Children and Old Age Assistance, and that the salary be \$300, in accordance with Section 4a, Chapter 41, General Laws and raise and appropriate money for same.

The Finance Committee recommend \$300.

Article 23. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Constables' pay or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend \$200.

Article 24. To hear report of the Hydrant Committee and take any vote or votes in relation thereto and raise and appropriate any sum of money for same.

Article 25. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Hydrant Service for 15 hydrants to be paid to the Northfield Water Co. for water supplying the hydrants for fire protection, or act thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend \$400.

Article 26. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for a reserve fund for the current year, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$1900.

(Transfer from Overlay Reserve Fund).

Article 27. To see if the town will accept a tract of land Lot No. 8 in the addition south of the Center Cemetery, from Ambert G. Moody and instruct the Cemetery Commissioner to issue Cemetery Deeds to such persons for such lots as are indicated on a plan filed with the deed, or act thereon.

Article 28. To see if the town will vote to accept from the American Youth Hostels, Inc., the sum of \$150, the same to be added by the Assessors to Estimated Receipts and Available Funds when setting the tax rate.

Article 29. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to meet foreclosure costs on tax titles or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$50.

Article 30. To see if the town will vote to accept from Mary V. H. Slade the sum of \$100, the interest to be used for the perpetual care of the George Hastings and Dr. Stratton-White lot in the Center Cemetery.

Article 31. To see if the town will vote to accept the sum of \$100 from Retta R. Barrett, the interest to be used for the perpetual care of lot No. 119½ in the Northfield Farms Cemetery.

Article 32. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money from surplus revenue for the purpose of building a room adjoining the room now occupied by the American Legion in the Town Hall; and for making alterations for its quarters, the same to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend a sum not to exceed \$1200 from Surplus Revenue.

Article 33. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to buy U. S. Bonds according to Chapter 5. Acts of 1943, for possible Post War Work or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$10,000.

Article 34. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Forest Patrol.

The Finance Committee recommend \$75.

Article 35. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$200 for defenses purposes in connection with the Massachusetts Committee on Public Safety, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$200.

Article 36. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Cemetery Lot Fund to repair or build a new fence and paint same, at the Mount Hermon Cemetery, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 37. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 38. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$125 for Ration Board Maintenance.

The Finance Committee recommend \$100.

Article 39. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$400 to oil the new roadway about the school buildings.

The Finance Committee recommend \$400.

Article 40. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of \$845 from the Surplus Revenue for the 1943-4 fuel for School buildings.

The Finance Committee recommend \$845 from Surplus Revenue.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Northfield, East Northfield, West Northfield, at the School House in District No. 6 and the store of F. V. Wood at Northfield Farms, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 15th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-four.

FRED A. HOLTON

GEORGE W. CARR

F. MYRON DUNNELL

Selectmen of Northfield

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